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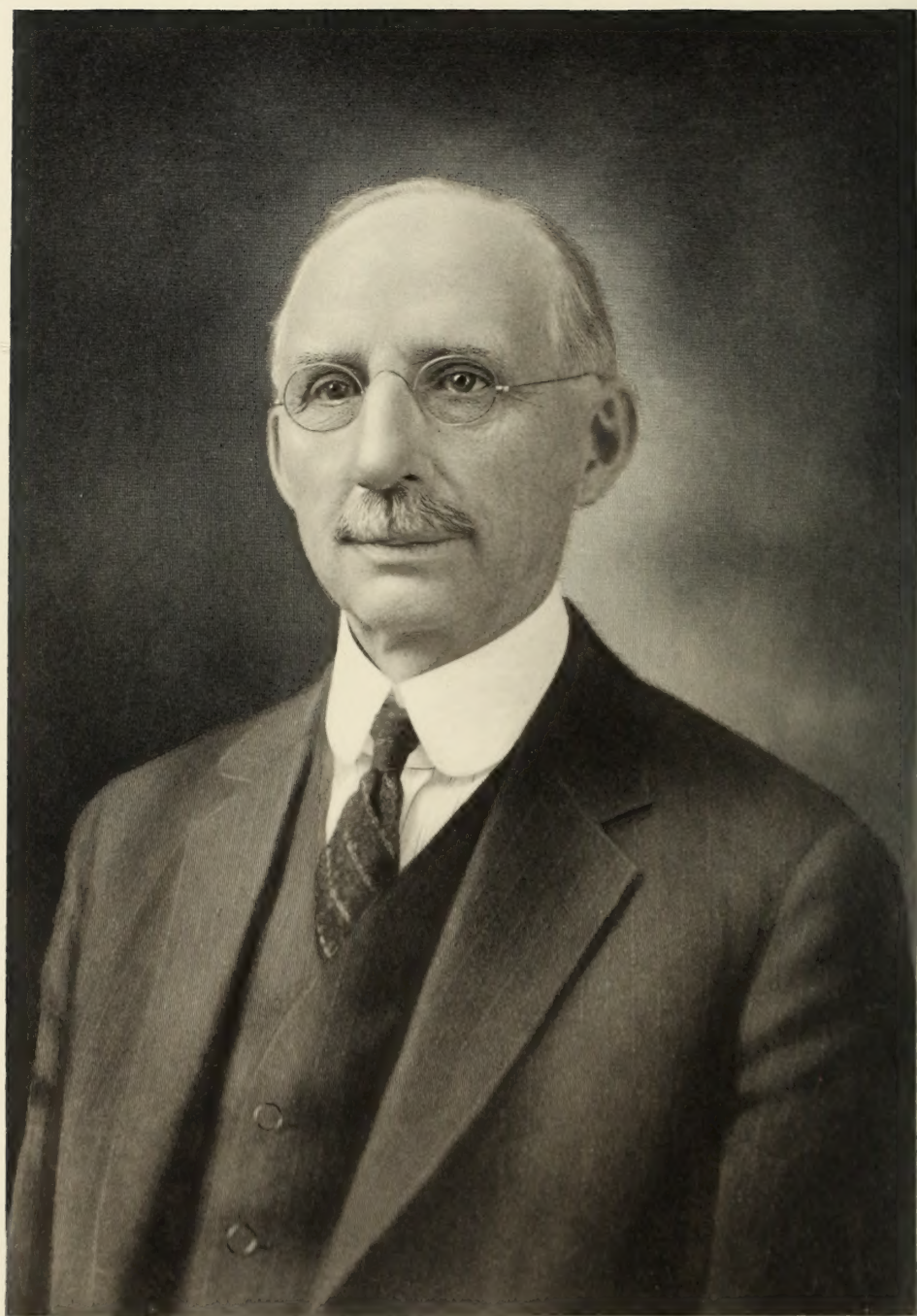
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## BIOGRAPHICAL

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### GEORGE HARMS

Few men are more prominent in the industrial affairs of the Illinois River Valley than is George Harms, who for forty years has been secretary of the F. Meyer & Brother Company, sheet metal contractors and dealers in hardware at Peoria, besides which he has numerous other connections along the same general lines. He is a native of Peoria, born March 6, 1860, his parents being Harm E. and Hilkea (Jannsen) Harms, both natives of Germany. The father emigrated to the United States in young manhood, arriving in 1850, at New Orleans, where he remained for a brief period, after which he came by boat to Peoria. For some time he worked in a lumberyard and later took up truck farming near Peoria. The place on which he resided is now within the city limits. He passed away in 1911. After he had been in Peoria for some time, he returned to Germany, where he was married in 1856 and then came back to Peoria with his bride. To this family were born four children, two of whom died in infancy. The second in order of birth is George Harms, of this review, while the third member of the family is Dietrich, who was also born in Peoria, November 6, 1861, and is a farmer residing at Eureka, Illinois. Dietrich Harms married Miss Theda Meinders, a native of Peoria, and they have three children: Edward, Alma and Hulda.

George Harms received his educational training in the Trinity Lutheran school of Peoria, after which he learned the sheet metal trade, which he followed as a journeyman until 1887. He then entered the employ of Frank Meyer & Brother, as foreman of their sheet metal shop. In 1890 the business was incorporated and the name changed to its present form; he was chosen its secretary, in which position he has served continuously to the pres-

ent time. Since 1892 he has also been secretary and treasurer of the Meyer Furnace Company, manufacturers of the Weir Warm-air Furnaces, which are shipped to all parts of the country. Its modern plant, equipped with the best of machinery, is located in Peoria. Mr. Harms is also secretary and manager of the Victor Foundry Company of East Peoria, a director of the Tazewell Building & Loan Association, secretary of the Rock Island Register Company, secretary of the Standard Furnace & Supply Company of Omaha, Nebraska, Secretary of the Meyer Furnace & Supply Company of Kansas City, Missouri, and a director of the First National Bank of East Peoria.

On March 14, 1882, Mr. Harms was united in marriage to Miss Mary K. Hagemeyer, who was born and reared in Peoria and is a daughter of Carl and Katherine Hagemeyer. Her father died many years ago and her mother now resides in Deshler, Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Harms are the parents of two sons and a daughter. The eldest of the family, Frederick H., born in Peoria, March 27, 1883, is active in the furnace business at Rock Island, Illinois. He married Miss Olga Schupbach, a native of Switzerland, and to them were born three children, namely: Beulah, who is with the Western Electric Company at Davenport, Iowa; Elaine, now attending school; and Helen, who died in infancy. The other son, William G. Harms, born in Peoria, April 17, 1887, is vice president of the Rock Island Register Company and a resident of Rock Island, Illinois. He married Miss Freda Meireis, of Havana, Illinois, and to them have been born three children: Ruth-Jean; William Jr.; and Marilyn. The last named died several years ago. Amelia, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Harms, was born in Peoria, October 24, 1888, and is the wife of the Rev. Theodore Schulz, a native of Australia. Rev. and Mrs. Schulz now reside in Harvel, Illinois and are the parents of a son, Harold, who is attending school.

Mr. Harms has long been actively interested in matters affecting public welfare, having served in the city council in 1898 and for two terms as a member of the board of education. He belongs to the Creve Coeur Club, the Rotary Club, the North Shore Country Club and the Association of Commerce. He is prominently identified with the National Sheet Metal Contractors Association,



of which he was president for three years. He is also active in the National Warm Air Heating Association, serving on several of its leading committees. He and his family are members of Trinity Lutheran Church, of which he was a trustee for many years. He is also interested in the national affairs of that church. Mr. Harms, as chairman of the trade development committee, of the National Sheet Metal Contractors Association, spent ten years in the compilation of a book pertaining to sheet metal work which has recently been published. It contains seven hundred and sixty-eight pages, nine by twelve inches in size, and includes four hundred and ninety-four pages of illustrations. The publication, which is in twelve sections, is entitled "Standard Practice in Sheet Metal Work" and is the most exhaustive reference book on this subject ever issued. Mr. Harms is an alert, progressive and dependable business man, his opinions on practical matters being highly regarded by his associates, and he is one of the important factors in the sheet metal and furnace industries of the country.

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### OHMER C. BARTHOLOMEW

Ohmer C. Bartholomew is well known in the southern part of the Illinois River Valley as the owner and manager of the Bartholomew Beach Resort, at Kampsville, Calhoun county, one of the finest and most popular resorts in this section of the valley. Mr. Bartholomew was born in Fulton county, Illinois, on the 2d of November, 1866, and is a son of Samuel and Mary A. (Fordice) Bartholomew. His father, who was born in Adams county, this state, was engaged in business as a wagonmaker at Table Grove, Illinois. He was a democrat in politics. His wife was a native of Illinois and her parents were born respectively in New York and Pennsylvania. They were the parents of three sons and three daughters. Ohmer C. Bartholomew was educated in the public school at Table Grove, and when eighteen years of age went to Havana, this state, and engaged in the fish business. From there he went to Naples, Illinois, and was also thus active at Kampsville, where he built up a large and important trade, shipping to New York and Philadelphia, and also bought mussel shells

and pearls from pearl fishers on the Illinois river. In 1917 he discontinued the fish business and bought the ferry boat franchise from C. B. Farrow. He has operated the ferry continuously to the present time and it has been a profitable business. He has acquired river front holdings of over a half mile, which he has developed into a splendid park and beach resort. He has here thirteen cottages besides his own home, has provided excellent facilities and conveniences for campers, and is well patronized throughout the season. He is a director of the Kampsville State Bank, a stockholder in the State Bank of Hardin, and is financially interested in other enterprises.

Mr. Bartholomew married Miss Nell Mappin, of Naples, Illinois, and to that union was born a son, Harvey, who is a veteran of the World war, in which he served overseas. For his second wife Mr. Bartholomew chose Miss Kate Bader, of Kampsville. He is a strong republican in politics and is the committeeman for his district. He is a member of Hamburg Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Mississippi Valley Consistory, A. A. S. R., at East St. Louis, Illinois; Ainad Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at East St. Louis, and various local civic organizations. He belongs to the Universalist Church. During the World war he was chairman of the Thrift Stamp committee of Calhoun county and can always be counted on to do his full share in all efforts to promote the best interests of his community.

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### CHARLES C. PRICKETT

Charles C. Prickett, of Lewistown, has long figured prominently in the public life of the community and is now the popular sheriff of Fulton county. He is a well known native son of this county, born in Lewistown township, February 21, 1880. Extended reference to his parents, John and Margaret (Lenhart) Prickett, both of whom are deceased, may be found in another part of this publication.

Charles C. Prickett pursued his education in the grade and high schools of Lewistown and is also a graduate pharmacist, completing the prescribed course at Northwestern University with the class of 1903. While a high school student he was a member



of the football team and a weight man on the track team, and when attending Northwestern he was a member of the varsity football team in 1902 and 1903 and also a member of the track team. His vacation periods were spent on his father's farm. Following his graduation from college he came to Lewistown and worked as a pharmacist in the drug store of Henry Hasson for fifteen years. On the expiration of that period he entered the service of the John Thorne Motor Company, which he represented until 1926. In that year he accepted the position of chief deputy sheriff under Edgar Rorer and thus served until 1930, when he was elected sheriff of Fulton county, in which official capacity he is proving a most efficient incumbent. Mr. Prickett is a stalwart republican and has long figured very actively in the local ranks of the party. He has served as alderman, city treasurer and city clerk of Lewistown for a number of years, making a most commendable record in the various positions to which his fellow townsmen have called him in recognition of his worth and ability. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Church, while fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias lodge, in which he has passed through the official chairs, and also with the Masonic order, belonging to the Consistory and Shrine at Peoria. He greatly enjoys hunting and fishing and is also an enthusiastic advocate of athletic sports. Reading also affords him recreation, his preference being for literature of an instructive and educational character. His aid and cooperation can ever be counted upon in support of measures and movements calculated to promote community progress and he is widely known as one of the prominent and representative citizens of Fulton county.

On the 19th of December, 1909, Mr. Prickett was united in marriage to Miss Nellie McGalliard, of Lincoln, Illinois, who was born May 24, 1883, and was the daughter of Olivia McGalliard. Her father died when she was but a small child. She pursued her education in the grade and high schools of Lincoln, Illinois, and is a graduate nurse of Proctor Hospital at Peoria. Like her husband, she is active in politics as a supporter of the republican party, and she has membership in the Christian Church and the Eastern Star. She is fond of reading, is a lover of flowers and is active in the social life of Lewistown, where she has an extensive

circle of warm friends. Mr. and Mrs. Prickett are the parents of a son and two daughters. J. Ralph, born October 1, 1910, was graduated from the Lewistown high school in 1927 and is also a graduate of Lincoln College. He taught school for one year and is now pursuing the medical course at the University of Illinois, where he is active in track athletics. Ruth, born April 14, 1912, is a senior in high school and a talented pianist. Catherine Louise, whose natal day was July 30, 1918, is also attending school at Lewistown. J. Ralph Prickett and his sister Ruth are both members of the Presbyterian Church.

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### FRED S. SCHAEFER

Liberally endowed with initiative, energy and that quality which has been termed "commercial sense," Fred S. Schaefer has prospered in every line of endeavor which has claimed his attention and is now prominently identified with business interests of La Salle as the executive head of Tri-Angle Motor Service, Inc. He was born in Henry, Marshall county, Illinois, August 18, 1870, a son of George and Leonora (Rasley) Schaefer, the latter a native of Stockertown, Pennsylvania. The father, who was born in Baden, Germany, crossed the Atlantic in 1849 in a sailing vessel and after a long and strenuous voyage reached New Orleans, Louisiana. There he took passage on a Mississippi river steamboat and proceeded up the Illinois river to his destination. Locating in Lacon, he there followed the occupation of a baker until he enlisted in the Union Army and was detailed for duty in the commissary department. He served for three years and when the war was ended returned to his home, reentering the baking business, in which he engaged until his death in 1874, the result of an accident. The mother long survived him, passing away in 1924, when seventy-six years of age. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schaefer: Carrie, now Mrs. C. Willison, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; May, the wife of Dr. J. A. Suam, of Henry, Illinois; Carl, deceased; Fred S.; Leonora; and George, who was residing in Chicago at the time of his demise.

Fred S. Schaefer acquired his education in the Soldiers' Or-



phans' Home and was first employed by an advertising firm. He continued in that line of work for many years and also engaged in the outdoor show business. While in the Pacific northwest he pioneered in the motion picture business, opening the first theater of that kind in Yakima, Washington, in 1909, and four years later he there erected the first modern picture house in the Yakima valley. He successfully conducted the theater until 1916, when he sold the business and returned to Illinois. Concentrating his attention on outdoor advertising, he became an extensive operator in that field and at one time controlled all the outdoor advertising billboards in La Salle and Bureau counties. After disposing of his interests in that connection Mr. Schaefer retired but a life of inactivity soon proved distasteful to one of his energetic nature and he reentered business, establishing an oil station and repair shop at 541 Second street, known as "The Bright Spot." Here he has the latest and best facilities for those in need of automotive service and employs sixteen skilled mechanics. Under the style of Tri-Angle Motor Service, Inc., he is engaged in ignition work, brake testing, fender and body repairing, refinishing and painting, mechanical adjusting, and also offers his patrons washing, towing, gasoline and oil service. His establishment is conducted on a systematic, efficient basis, is first class in every particular and has already won a large share of the local trade, while it is steadily gaining popularity with motorists.

In January, 1896, Mr. Schaefer married Miss Anna Bellewag, a daughter of Charles and Mary (Flynn) Bellewag, of Marshall county, Illinois. There were three children of this marriage but Leonora, the second in order of birth, died in 1914 and her passing brought deep sorrow not only to the members of her family but to her many friends, for the beauty of her character made her greatly beloved. Elizabeth, the elder daughter, is the wife of Worth Ricks, of Yakima, and has become the mother of one child, Elizabeth. The son, George Schaefer, is twelve years of age and a public school pupil.

Mr. Schaefer is unbiased in his political views, which are those of a loyal and progressive citizen who supports the men and measures that he deems will best conserve the public weal. For one term he served as town clerk of Henry, meeting every require-

ment of the office. Fraternally he is a Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner and a worthy exemplar of the order. He is essentially a man of action, whose life has been replete with accomplishment, and the strength that he has ever manifested in business affairs has its root in those qualities which command respect and inspire esteem and friendship.

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RT. REV. ABBOT VINCENT HUBER, O. S. B., D. D.

Rt. Rev. Abbot Vincent Huber, O. S. B., D. D., of St. Bede Abbey, Peru, Illinois, celebrated the unusual event of the fifty-year jubilee of his ordination to the holy priesthood on May 27, 1930. In making this announcement one of the local newspapers said: "The career of Abbot Vincent was a splendid and influential one since nearly the whole of it was spent as a teacher of dogmatic theology. Born in Carrolltown, Pennsylvania, May 10, 1855, he became a student in St. Vincent's College of Beatty, Pennsylvania, in 1869, and following his graduation he entered the novitiate. After its completion he pronounced vows, completed his philosophical and theological studies and was ordained to the holy priesthood July 15, 1880. Immediately after his ordination he entered the Gregorianum in Rome, where he studied for three years. Upon his return he began to teach dogmatic theology at St. Vincent's Seminary and it is particularly as a teacher of theology that he is lovingly remembered by a host of students scattered all over America. It is interesting to recall that His Eminence George Cardinal Mundelein of Chicago, Bishop Boyle of Pittsburgh and many other distinguished members of the Catholic hierarchy are numbered as Abbot Vincent's pupils.

"In 1897 the hand of God directed his steps to St. Bede's, then a priory of St. Vincent's, and here began his long and honorable career first as rector of St. Bede College and later, on March 30, 1910, when the supreme pontiff raised St. Bede to the dignity of an abbey, Abbot Vincent was unanimously chosen as its first right reverend abbot. Under his efficient leadership St. Bede College emerged from a struggling little college of 1910 to the splendid place it holds today in the educational world. His long



career as teacher, priest and prelate has endeared him not only to the students of St. Bede but to all with whom he came in contact. Therefore, his jubilee day was an occasion on which not only his intimate circle of monks and students rejoiced, but the whole of Peoria diocese and many friends scattered to distant points journeyed to pay their respects to their friend and teacher, Abbot Vincent. Among the great number of right reverend prelates present was the Rt. Rev. Hugh Boyle, D. D., bishop of Pittsburgh, Abbot Vincent's friend and former pupil, who preached the jubilee sermon, while his lifelong friend, the Rt. Rev. Abbot Charles Mohr, O. S. B., celebrated the pontifical jubilee mass."

Besides being an able pedagogue and a wise spiritual guide the Rt. Rev. Abbot Vincent Huber is the author of "Latin for Sisters" and the translator of the "Tyrocinium" into English.

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#### HERMAN CHESTER RINEHART, D. V. S.

Steadily advancing in the field of veterinary surgery, Dr. Herman Chester Rinehart has achieved state-wide prominence in his profession, which he has followed successfully in Rushville for twenty years, and is also a prosperous business man. Born in Woodstock township, Schuyler county, January 1, 1887, he is a son of John Rinehart and of German descent. The father was born in Massillon, Ohio, May 17, 1857, and at the age of four years came to Illinois with his parents, Phillip and Mary Rinehart, who settled in Woodstock township, Schuyler county, in 1861. John Rinehart engaged in general agricultural pursuits, upon starting out in life for himself and later broadened the scope of his activities by establishing a meat market in Rushville. He was also a practical veterinarian and although he never graduated from a veterinary school he practiced among the farmers of his district to a considerable extent. He likewise bought and sold live stock, and accumulated a substantial competence through his various activities. Forceful, resourceful and energetic, he never failed to accomplish what he undertook and was honest and straightforward in all of his dealings. He was self-educated and

remained throughout life a tireless worker. His advice was frequently sought by his fellow townsmen and his keen discernment and sound judgment insured the value of his counsel. He belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was a Lutheran in religious faith. Active in democratic politics, he served for years on the board of supervisors of Buena Vista township and also on the school board, while for a time he was tax collector. He was a leading spirit in movements for the upbuilding and advancement of his district and his worth as a man and a citizen was attested by all who knew him. In young manhood Mr. Rinehart had married Mary O. Corbin, a native of Schuyler county and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Corbin, who were early settlers in this part of the state. Mrs. Rinehart was an earnest member of the Christian Church and a true friend of the poor and needy. She was called from this life in March, 1922, and Mr. Rinehart passed away August 6, 1929, when seventy-two years of age.

Their son, Dr. Herman C. Rinehart, mastered the branches of learning taught in the public schools of Schuyler county and then attended the Kennedy Normal School at Rushville, completing his course in 1905. He engaged in farming for a period of three years and in 1908 enrolled as a student in the McKillip Veterinary College, from which he was graduated in 1911. In the same year he opened an office in Rushville, where he has since engaged in the work of a veterinarian, and now draws his practice from several counties of Illinois, while his professional duties also take him to other states. A recognized leader in his particular field, Dr. Rinehart rendered valuable service to the state of Illinois and also to the federal government in checking the foot and mouth disease and his knowledge and skill are in constant demand. For years he has served as assistant state veterinarian and in 1920 was elected president of the Mississippi Valley Veterinary Association, while in 1923 he became secretary of the Illinois district of the American Veterinary Association. In the handling of stock and in general agricultural pursuits he is keenly interested and owns farm lands and city property. He is a stockholder in the Bank of Rushville, has bought and shipped hay for years, and also buys and sells live stock.



On the 27th of May, 1913, Dr. Rinehart was married to Miss Dorothy Gertrude Lawler, who was born September 6, 1891, and is of Irish lineage. She traces her genealogy in America to James Lawler, a surveyor, who laid out the grounds of Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, and was his private secretary during the Revolutionary war period. Alexander Lawler, a son of James Lawler, was born in Fauquier county, Virginia, in 1794 and in young manhood married Margaret B. White, who was born in that state in 1798 and was also of Irish descent. His demise occurred in 1853 and in 1874 his wife was called to her final rest. Their son, George Edward Lawler, the grandfather of Mrs. Rinehart, was born in Fauquier county, December 30, 1817, and in 1839, when twenty-two years of age, came to Illinois with his parents, who cast in their lot with the early settlers of Bainbridge township, Schuyler county. In 1841 he married Caroline Hymer, who departed this life June 27, 1879. Their family numbered eleven children, of whom Oliver Thomas Lawler, the father of Mrs. Rinehart, was born in Schuyler county, August 24, 1858, and became a farmer and stock raiser. He was married October 9, 1879, to Mary C. Morris, who was born August 29, 1860, and came to Rushville with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Morris. Oliver T. Lawler reached the seventy-one year milestone on life's journey, passing away December 16, 1929. Prior to her marriage his daughter, Mrs. Rinehart, was employed in the Bank of Rushville. Dr. and Mrs. Rinehart have three children. The eldest, Morris Lawler, born February 25, 1914, graduated with honors from the Rushville high school in 1931. He was a member of its board of control, manager of circulation of the high school annual, manager of the football team, president of the high school band, and active in debating and public speaking. The other children are: James Oliver, who was born December 19, 1916, and is a freshman in high school; and Betty, born January 3, 1920.

The parents are active in politics and Mrs. Rinehart is serving on the democratic county committee. She has charge of the music department of the Presbyterian Church, is president of its guild, and belongs to a number of clubs. The Doctor is a member of the Community Club, was formerly a councilman of Rushville, and

has at all times manifested an unselfish devotion to the general welfare. His fraternal affiliations are with the Masonic order and the Modern Woodmen of America. A lover of fine horses, he enjoys the sport of racing and is also a devotee of baseball. However, his practice is his first consideration and through the exercise of his talents as a veterinarian and the maintenance of a high standard of service he has brought additional prestige to the profession.

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### FRED CLASS

Commercial activity in Peru, Illinois, finds a prominent representative in Fred Class, an enterprising business man of broad experience. He was born in McHenry county, this state, May 17, 1866, a son of Fred and Sophia (Urkey) Class, who were natives of Germany. Leaving that country when a young man, the father crossed the Atlantic in 1865 on a ship bound for the United States and became a resident of McHenry county, Illinois, following the occupation of farming until his death. To Mr. and Mrs. Class were born three children: William, whose home is in Woodstock, Illinois; Mary, who lives at Crystal Lake, Illinois; and Fred.

The advantages of a public school education were accorded Fred Class, whose first commercial experience was gained in draying and in connection with the ice business. Later he became a wholesale and retail dealer in yeast, a commodity which he has handled for thirty-five years, and also carries a fine stock of candy and confectionery. His store at Fourth and Fulton streets is systematically and capably managed and his sales have increased year by year until he is now transacting a large volume of business. In length of service he is one of the oldest merchants in Peru and has long enjoyed a position of leadership in his particular field.

On the 16th of May, 1884, Mr. Class was married in Lamar, Missouri, to Miss Minnie Dow, who was born near Ridgefield, in McHenry county, Illinois. Among her forbears was Peter Parks, who journeyed from Pennsylvania to Illinois in the early



days, making the long trip with an ox team and wagon. She is also a descendant of the noted American evangelist, Lorenzo Dow, a Methodist preacher, who made two missionary tours in England and Ireland, one in 1799 and the other in 1805. Lorenzo Dow, the father of Mrs. Class, was one of the gallant soldiers who aided in preserving the Union and his death occurred soon after the close of the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Class have a daughter, Clara, now Mrs. Matthew Lumer, of Peru, Illinois; and a son, George, who is also married and resides in Peru.

Mr. Class votes with the republican party but is not active in politics, preferring to discharge the duties of citizenship in a private capacity. He has passed through all of the chairs in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his identification with the Knights of the Maccabees covers a period of twenty-five years. In addition to owning a comfortable home and the building in which his store is located, he has financial interests in Peru and exerts his efforts to further its upbuilding and prosperity, manifesting all of the qualities of a useful and desirable citizen.

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### ELISHA C. WATSON

Elisha C. Watson passed away at his home in California, in 1891. He was born on the 15th of June, 1855, and received a good education, after which he took up mining engineering, in which he became a widely recognized expert. He continued actively engaged until about six months prior to his death. He did thoroughly whatever he undertook and one of his most prominent qualities was his dependability, both technically and in a business way. The field of his operations covered a wide range of country in the west and he enjoyed an extensive acquaintance in mining circles.

On January 21, 1888, in Socorro, New Mexico, Mr. Watson was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Morris, who survives him and resides in Mendota, Illinois, where she owns valuable real estate. Mrs. Watson is a daughter of Ebenezer and Julia A. (Flood) Morris. Her father was a native of Canada, whence he came to the United States when fourteen years of age. He located

in Streator, Illinois, where he lived until 1882, when he went west. He located first in western Texas, but later in California, and his death occurred in Los Angeles, October 19, 1912. His wife was a daughter of John and Catherine (McGoldrick) Flood, who came from County Cavan, Ireland. To Mr. and Mrs. Morris were born five children, Catherine, Louis J., William J., Ebenezer and Austin H. Mr. and Mrs. Watson became the parents of a son, Claud Watson, who holds the position of clerk of the city court at Aurora, Illinois. He was married to Miss Ursula Retmyer, a native of Pittston, Pennsylvania, and they have four children, Catherine U., E. Claud, Jr., Robert M. and James Richard. E. Claud Watson is a veteran of the World war, in which he held a commission as first lieutenant and was on duty in France with the Eighty-ninth Division for seventeen months. He saw much active service at the front and was wounded in battle. On his return home he was honorably discharged and has since lived in Aurora, where he is clerk of the city court. Mrs. Catherine Watson resides in a comfortable home at 618 East Sixth street, Mendota, and is held in high regard by her large circle of friends.

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#### HARRY E. FREEMAN, M. D.

In the medical history of the Illinois River Valley no name is more worthy of specific mention than that of Freeman, for two members of this family, father and son, have successively practiced here for three-quarters of a century. The son, Dr. Harry E. Freeman, is ably maintaining the family prestige so worthily established by his father and is today one of Newark's most highly honored citizens. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, on the 11th of January, 1877, his parents being Dr. Julius A. and C. (Howe) Freeman. The father was one of the leading physicians and surgeons in this part of Illinois for a half century. He was born in New York state in 1828 and his death occurred May 4, 1904, at the age of seventy-six years. He was a veteran of the Civil war, in which he saw much active service. When the war broke out he organized Company K, Eighth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, after which he turned the company over to



Captain Flagg. Later he was appointed assistant surgeon of the One Hundred and Fourth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until his health broke down and he was forced to return home. On recovering he returned to the army and at the close of the war he was chief surgeon for the One Hundred and Sixth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry. He was married twice, and by his first union became the father of three children, Corwin A., Vesper V., and Herbert H. His second marriage was to Mrs. C. Howe, who was the mother of a daughter by a previous marriage. To Dr. and Mrs. Freeman was born a son, Harry E., of this review. Dr. Julius A. Freeman was a remarkably successful physician and surgeon, whose skill and judgment enabled him to achieve noteworthy distinction in the profession.

Harry E. Freeman received his early education in the public schools, which he supplemented by attendance at Morgan Park Academy, at Morgan Park, Illinois, and Jennings Seminary, at Aurora. He pursued his literary studies in the academy of the University of Illinois, and then took the regular course in the university, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, in 1900. He entered the Northwestern Medical College, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1903. In June of that year he entered upon the practice of his profession at Millington, where he remained until 1916, when he came to Newark, where he has continued since. He conducts a general practice and has been uniformly successful in conserving the health of those who have sought his services, so that he holds a foremost place among the physicians of this locality.

On January 31, 1907, Dr. Freeman was united in marriage to Miss Mary Scoggins, of Millington, and to them have been born ten children, as follows: Irene, who is a graduate of Wheaton College and is a public school teacher; Emma, who is a student in Wheaton College; Julius A., who is attending Wheaton Academy; John S., who is attending the Yorkville high school; James F.; Harry M.; Mary N.; Robert B.; Elizabeth; and Nancy C. The republican party receives Dr. Freeman's support and his religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a liberal supporter. He is a Mason and professionally is affil-

iated with the Kendall County Medical Society, of which he was president for many years, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He has honored his profession by his able and unselfish service and is numbered among the leading citizens of Kendall county.

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### PAUL EMIL HERSCHEL

Some years ago a young German boy, fourteen years of age, arrived in Chicago. He was a lad with no knowledge of the English language or the customs of the people among whom he was casting his lot, but he possessed a splendid physique and, besides, he had a capital of three dollars with which to start out in the new world. He came to see America and to find out what the country had to offer him. Two of his brothers had previously crossed the Atlantic and were working in West Pullman.

Of an energetic, ambitious nature, the boy soon found a job in a soap factory, earning three dollars per week, but he had to pay that amount for board, so he made a little extra by holding horses while their owners enjoyed an hour or two in a cafe. His next job in a bottle factory brought him more money and selling papers gave him a little extra. It was about this time that the two brothers removed to Peoria and Paul Herschel joined them here. He found work in a grocery store, sweeping out, waiting on trade and staying with the children of the family in the evenings. One day the yearning to travel and learn through experience started him on his way to Mexico. Proceeding as best he could, beating his way, he welcomed a job as handy boy in a general store, and to begin his day's work cooked the breakfast for the family of his employer. But a few weeks of the southern climate began to make inroads on his health and upon the advice of an Indian he was thrown into a yellow fever camp for ten days. He survived this, however, and as soon as he was released he made his way northward again. But he had gained something in the way of knowledge. He brought with him a soap root found growing in that country, showed it to a Peoria business man and the result was that the first bar of Amole soap was made in the man's kitchen.





*Paul E. Herschel*





Thus it was that the young boy found his trade as a salesman for the Amole Soap Company. His first destination was Henry, Illinois, and his sample case was a bandanna handkerchief in which were tied a few bars of soap. Soon, however, the unlimited west became his territory and the alkali dust of the country responded well to his brand of soap. His next venture was with an advertising troupe in Kansas—an old stage coach, a singer, comedian and Paul Herschel as the master of ceremonies, selling soap, notions, electric belts, “all warranted or your money refunded.”

On one of his trips home Mr. Herschel met the girl of his choice and decided to find work nearer Peoria. It seemed propitious at this time when his older brother Robert suggested establishing a farm implement repair business on a small scale, believing there were great possibilities for such an enterprise in the middle west. They met on Sunday afternoon almost a half century ago and decided on a location in the basement of Kinsey & Mahler's store on Adams street in Peoria, and each invested his savings of two hundred dollars, Robert taking charge of the manufacture and Paul of the sales. Again traveling became the young man's lot and he spent most of his time away from his home and family for fourteen years. His father, mother, two sisters and a brother-in-law had joined the brothers already in Peoria, so it was a complete family that watched the growth of this small beginning of a business. Three brothers and a brother-in-law were now in the firm. A removal to another building was made, but this was razed by fire, forcing them to change. Undaunted, they secured temporary quarters in a building farther up-town, but it soon proved inadequate and, looking about for a location, they foresaw the future of East Peoria and determined to build across the river, though highly criticized at that time. It has been one of their great pleasures to watch the growth and development of the newer city. From its inception, the business of the company has constantly increased. The acquisition of a large site in East Peoria made unlimited expansion possible. A modern plant was erected and from time to time, owing to the growth of their patronage, this has had to be enlarged until it is now the largest of its class in the world. A few years ago the Herschel company purchased the entire knife and section business of the Whitman & Barnes

Manufacturing Company of Akron, Ohio, which had taken over the business of the Steier company and had thereby thrown the Herschel brothers out of employment. It has often been said that the enormous growth of the company's sales resulted from the firm foundation laid in the salesmanship of Paul Herschel, backed up by the high quality of the company's products. Few have ever achieved such results as followed his early work in the trade field. His unfaltering integrity won him the confidence of patrons and his pleasing personality made him very popular with all with whom he had business relations. In later years when he was an executive of the mammoth concern that had been developed he adhered to the same policy which he instituted in the beginning, requiring his employees to follow the same course. For forty years Paul Herschel remained in the implement manufacturing business, contributing in notable measure to the development of the R. Herschel Manufacturing Company until it became one of the important industries of the middle west. His versatility and enterprise were also manifest in other connections, for he became a director of the Commercial National Bank of Peoria, president of the Southern Implement Supply Company of Dallas, Texas, a director of the Maple City Stamping Company of Peoria, and a director of the Avery Power Machinery Company.

Long years before Paul Herschel had inaugurated a happy home life in his marriage at Peoria, April 21, 1891, to Miss Mary K. Juelg, a daughter of William and Mary Juelg. They became parents of a son and a daughter. The former, Paul E. Herschel, Jr., who is connected with the R. Herschel Manufacturing Company, married Jean Nicol, daughter of William and Anna Nicol of Peoria, and has two children, Mary Jean and Paul E. (III). Emma Herschel became the wife of Edward H. Woltzen, of Benson, Illinois, who is also connected with the plant of the R. Herschel Manufacturing Company. Mr. and Mrs. Woltzen are the parents of two children, Herschel and Jano S.

Mr. Herschel's love for his adopted country was deep and sincere. He rendered splendid service during the World war as a member of the industrial regional board, took an active part in promoting Liberty Loan drives and gave generously of his time and money to further American interests. He was a popular mem-



RESIDENCE OF MRS. PAUL E. HERSCHEL







ber of the Creve Coeur Club, the Country Club of Peoria and the Minnesota Athletic Club of Minneapolis. He attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Masonry and belonged to Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also had membership with the Association of Commerce, was a director of the Child Welfare League, the Peoria Chapter of American Red Cross and the Peoria Public Library board. His response to any call for public service was immediate, hearty and helpful. He enjoyed travel and delighted in taking his family to places and scenes of interest. He enjoyed the love and esteem of those in his employ and those whom he met in every relation of life. It is said that he experienced the greatest moment of his life, when in 1927 he invited his entire family of ten—wife, children and grandchildren—to step inside his old home in Niederhaslich, where he was born on July 22, 1866, to see the hillside where he tended garden as a child, the old tile stove in the corner of the living room and the same old stone steps leading upstairs, well worn by footsteps. The immigrant boy of thirteen who had made his way to the new world returned to the land of his forefathers a most prosperous and prominent business man. A year later, on the 8th of September, 1928, he passed away but the world is richer and better because he lived, for he contributed to the material, civic and cultural development of his adopted city and state and because of a genial nature he had shed around him much of the sunshine of life.

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### ERNEST JOHN GALBRAITH

Ernest J. Galbraith was born in Kankakee county, Illinois, and is a son of John and Maude (Walton) Galbraith. His paternal grandparents were Samuel and Mary (Martha) Galbraith, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of England. The father followed farming and he and his wife died at Kankakee, Illinois. John Galbraith was born in Kankakee county, January 28, 1863, and died in Peoria, September 11, 1925. He served for a number of years as local agent for the American Railway Express, was a republican in his political views and a Methodist Episcopalian in his religious faith. Maude (Walton) Galbraith,

who was descended from Revolutionary stock, was born at Carbondale, Illinois, June 28, 1865, and died in Peoria, March 18, 1917.

Ernest J. Galbraith graduated from high school at Decatur, Illinois, in 1902, after which he attended the University of Pennsylvania two years. In 1909 he graduated from the law school of the University of Wisconsin, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He had been admitted to the bar of Illinois the previous year and on completing his college work he located in Peoria. He formed a law partnership with the late Dan R. Sheen, under the firm name of Sheen & Galbraith, which continued until 1915. Mr. Galbraith then became associated with Judge Winslow Evans, under the firm name of Galbraith & Evans, but Judge Evans died in 1922, since which time he has been engaged in the practice alone.

On October 21, 1913, in Peoria, Mr. Galbraith was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Brenton, who was born and reared in Peoria and is a daughter of Charles and Nellie (Johnson) Brenton, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Galbraith is a graduate of the Peoria high school and Bradley College and taught in the public schools of Peoria prior to her marriage. She is an active member of the Women's Club and the Amateur Music Club. Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith are the parents of two children, Virginia, born July 3, 1917, and Marion Walton, born February 7, 1923.

In his political views Mr. Galbraith is a republican and has rendered public service of a responsible nature, having been public administrator from 1916 to 1920; state's attorney from 1920 to 1924, and village attorney for various village bodies. He is a member of Temple Lodge No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He belongs to the Creve Coeur Club, the University Club, the Mt. Hawley Golf Club, the Illinois Valley Yacht Club, the Peoria Association of Commerce, and the Phi Delta Theta and the Phi Delta Phi college fraternities. He and his wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. During the World war Mr. Galbraith was an effective Four-Minute speaker and served on the legal advisory board. He has been successful in his individual affairs and is a director of the Farmers State Bank of Peoria, and serves as counsel for the First National Bank and the First Trust and



Savings Bank of Peoria. He maintains professional affiliation with the Peoria County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. His favorite forms of recreation are golf and yachting, in both of which he is proficient.

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### CLARENCE D. MURPHY

Clarence D. Murphy, who has been engaged in the practice of law in Peoria for more than a score of years, has maintained his position among the leaders of his profession through his industry, ability and honorable methods. Born in Fulton county, Illinois, on the 28th of October, 1884, he is a son of James William and Anna (Deiken) Murphy. The family has long been established in this country, his paternal great-grandfather having been William Murphy, a native of Pennsylvania, who followed farming, and died in Cuba, Illinois. His son Abraham was born in Fulton county, Illinois, of which locality he was a lifelong resident. He too was a farmer by occupation and was highly regarded in his community. He married Miss Sarah Henderson, a native of Illinois who died near Cuba, Fulton county. They became the parents of James William Murphy, who was born in Fulton county, December 25, 1858, and has always farmed there. He is independent in politics and has served as a member of the school board. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Anna (Deiken) Murphy was born in Fulton county, Illinois, July 29, 1855, and is a daughter of Justus Deiken, a farmer, who died in Cuba, this state.

Clarence D. Murphy graduated from the Cuba high school in 1904 and then entered the law school of the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1908, in which year he was admitted to the bar of this state. He at once located in Peoria, where he has practiced to the present time, and is now associated with C. E. McNemar, with offices in the Peoria Life building. Mr. Murphy served as assistant state's attorney from 1912 to 1920, discharging his duties in a capable and highly creditable manner.

On October 17, 1911, in Peoria, Mr. Murphy was united in marriage to Miss Isabelle Buck, a native of Peoria county, and a daughter of William J. and Harriet I. (Houghtaling) Buck. Her father, who was born and has always lived in Peoria, followed farming during his active years, but is now retired. His wife, who is deceased, was a lifelong resident of this city. Mrs. Murphy graduated from the Peoria high school, is a member of the board of the Florence Crittenton Home, is secretary of the Ladies' Aid Society, and is treasurer of the P. E. O. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy are the parents of a daughter, Ellen, born May 22, 1922.

Mr. Murphy is a democrat in his political views and his wife is a member of the First Presbyterian Church. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Peoria Lodge, K. P., and the Woodmen of the World. He also belongs to the University Club. During the World war he served as government appeal agent and was a member of the legal advisory board. He is affiliated with the Peoria County Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association. A man of broad views and well defined opinions, he has shown a keen interest in matters affecting the progress and welfare of his city and county and commands the unreserved confidence of all who know him.

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#### W. G. SACHSE, M. D.

Dr. W. G. Sachse stands in the very front rank of the medical profession in Grundy county and in his home community of Morris he commands a large general practice. He was born in Morris on the 12th of November, 1882, and was here reared to manhood. After completing his studies in the public and high schools, he entered the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1905. He prepared for his life work in Rush Medical College, Chicago, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1908. He served one year as interne in Chicago hospitals and then returned to Morris, where he entered upon the practice of his profession. He has a well equipped office, keeps in close and constant touch with



the latest advances in the healing art and has been more than ordinarily successful in his efforts to combat human ailments. He served as coroner of Grundy county for twelve years and as city physician of Morris for fifteen years.

Dr. Sachse was married in 1918 to Miss Edith Maben and they are the parents of a daughter, Janeth. The Doctor is a staunch republican in his political alignment and fraternally is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He maintains professional affiliation with the Grundy County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He has had an active and useful career, commands the respect of his professional brethren and is greatly esteemed throughout the community in which he has spent his life.

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### WILLIAM P. GREGG

No history of the Illinois River Valley would be complete without mention of William P. Gregg, who was a member of one of the oldest families of Ottawa and a pioneer settler of La Salle county. Born in Arkwright, New York state, on the 10th of June, 1830, he was a son of David Robbins and Sarah G. Gregg. The father fought in the first Mexican war in 1847 and in 1861 he enlisted in the Union Army, serving from the beginning until the close of the Civil war.

William P. Gregg acquired his early education in the district schools of La Salle county, Illinois, and spent the greater part of his life in Ottawa, where he had a wide acquaintance. He watched with deep interest the development and progress of this district and ever manifested a helpful spirit and an unselfish devotion to the general good. He possessed those qualities which win for a man the respect and confidence of his fellows, at all times following a course which reflected credit upon an honored family name, and his demise on November 2, 1900, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

On the 20th of January, 1864, in Buffalo, New York, Mr. Gregg married Miss Elizabeth A. Cumberland, who survives him.

She is a native of Canada and a descendant of James Worthington, who was the last surviving soldier of the battle of Waterloo. Her father, John Cumberland, was a well known resident of Toronto and passed away in that city in 1912. To Mr. and Mrs. Gregg were born fifteen children, of whom Willard, Carrie, Sarah, David, Seth, Ruth, Earl, Leo and Bessie grew to adult age. David and Bessie reside with their mother, who occupies the family home in Ottawa. Earl went to France with the American Expeditionary Forces and sacrificed his life for his country, meeting death by poison gas in the Argonne offensive. Leo, who also served in the World war, was a lieutenant of his company and was one of the men chosen to quell the revolt of the negro regiment. He married but his wife passed away, leaving one child, David, who resides with his father in California. Sarah is the widow of William Wallace Nash, of Ottawa. Carrie became the wife of Eugene Danser and they make their home in Spokane, Washington. Willard is married and has one son, Robert R. Gregg.

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#### FREDERICK A. CAUSEY, M. D.

One of Peoria's best known physicians is Dr. Frederick A. Causey, who was connected in a professional capacity with the State Hospital at Peoria, doing splendid and appreciated work, is now associate medical director of the Peoria Life Insurance Company. Born in Greenville, Illinois, on the 28th of February, 1884, he is a son of Lewis and Mildred (Martin) Causey. His father was born in Fayette county, Illinois, October 1, 1849, and is now living retired in Peoria. He was for fifteen years a cabinetmaker for the Pullman Car Works. He is a member of the Catholic Church and is a republican in politics. His father, William Causey, was a native of Tennessee, from which state he moved to Illinois. The paternal great-grandfather, a native of Virginia, was a son of one of four brothers who came over from Scotland in 1775 and served in the American war for independence. Mildred Martin was born in Bond county, Illinois, April 14, 1851, and died at the age of seventy-eight.

Frederick A. Causey attended the public schools and graduated from Bradley College in 1909. He then entered St. Louis University, pursued the classical course and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1911. He then matriculated in the medical school of that institution, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1914. He served as interne at Alexian Brothers Hospital in St. Louis for one year. He specialized in psychiatry under Dr. William Graves, of St. Louis. He then located in Peoria as a member of the staff of the Peoria State Hospital, as assistant physician, and was transferred to the Watertown State Hospital, at East Moline. He is licensed to practice medicine in Missouri and Illinois. His education which has been of the best is entirely due to his own efforts. In November, 1917, he was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps and served at Kelly field and Camp Travis, both in Texas. He was honorably discharged from the service at Camp Travis, June 13, 1919, after he had assisted in mustering out parts of the Rainbow and Ninetieth Divisions. He then returned to the State Hospital at Peoria, where he remained but a short time, resigning to become affiliated with the Peoria Life Insurance Company, as associate medical director. He has private offices in the Peoria Life building, where he devotes his full time to the medical selection of life insurance risks, and is manager of the medical department. He is the author of several papers dealing with life insurance, and is now conducting some research on Tuberculosis which has been acknowledged by high medical authority as being of value.

On August 8, 1912, in Alton, Illinois, Dr. Causey was united in marriage to Miss Odessa Hicks, who was born in Harvel, Illinois, and is a daughter of James and Leaner (Fish) Hicks, both of whom are living in Fillmore, Illinois. Mrs. Causey is a graduate of the Fillmore high school and is a member of the Baptist Church. She graduated in nursing at the Rebecca Hospital, St. Louis, and practiced her profession in that city prior to her marriage. She is a member of the Story Tellers' League of Peoria and of the Parent-Teacher Association. Dr. and Mrs. Causey are the parents of four children, Laun, Phyllis Elaine, Drucilla C., and Gordon Wallace.



Dr. Causey is a member of the Peoria County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the National Tuberculosis Association, and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. He is a member of the Lions Club, of which he is past president, the American Legion and the American Red Cross Society, for which he is an authorized examiner; the Orpheus Club of Peoria, the Alpha Kappa Kappa fraternity, the Peoria Association of Commerce and other civic organizations. He belongs to the Peoria Council of Boy Scouts and is past president of the Creve Coeur Council of Boy Scouts. He is a stockholder in the Peoria Life Insurance Company and belongs to the Association of Life Insurance Medical Directors of America. He is closely devoted to his profession, in which he has gained signal success, and throughout the community in which he lives he is held in high regard because of his ability and skill, as well as for his sterling personal qualities.

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### LUTHER EDWARD ROBY

For over twenty-five years Luther E. Roby has been regarded as one of the leading factors in Peoria's industrial progress, for he has been actively and closely identified with important manufacturing interests, among which is the Peoria Malleable Castings Company, one of the leading industries of this section of the Illinois River Valley and of which he is president and general manager.

Mr. Roby was born in Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, on the 10th of February, 1874, and is a son of Kilburn Harwood and Annie M. (Haworth) Roby. The father was a native of Mount Vernon, New Hampshire, born September 7, 1837, and was of English descent, though his family had been residents of New Hampshire for many generations. When eighteen years of age he came west alone and located in Decatur, Illinois. Eventually he became a prominent lawyer and a successful banker and was an honored and respected citizen of Decatur for many years. His death occurred June 26, 1916. The mother was born December 27, 1839, in Miamisburg, Ohio, and was a member of an old and

well known Quaker family, of English descent. She passed away April 17, 1914. To this worthy couple were born six children. Frank C., who died in 1912, was a lawyer in Decatur and was the father of three children, two deceased and Frank C., Jr., who lives in San Diego, California. Mary Lois is the wife of Frederick A. Brown, an attorney of Chicago, and they have two children, Kilburn, who is engaged in the advertising business in New York city, and Mary Lois, the wife of Keene Berry, of Birmingham, Alabama, and the mother of one child. Kilburn, Jr., who is retired and lives in Pasadena, California, is married and has two children, Dick and Ruth. Sarah Jane was the wife of the late Charles Edward Hay, an army officer who died in the service, and she later became the wife of Charles Bartlett, an attorney of Quincy, Illinois. By her first marriage she became the mother of one child, John Hay. Annie H., is the wife of Donald Vincent, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and they have two children, Nancy and Catherine. Luther E. of this review is the other member of the family.

Luther E. Roby received his early education in the public schools of Decatur, after which he attended the University of Illinois. He was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws from Northwestern University in 1898 and was admitted to the bar. He practiced law for a limited time and then became identified with the manufacturing interests of Decatur. For about four years he was engaged in the manufacture of farm implements and then, in 1902, removed to Peoria and, in connection with C. A. Patterson, engaged in the manufacture of the Peoria drill and seeder machines. This proved successful and he remained with that organization until 1917, when he organized the Peoria Malleable Castings Company. This company owns eighteen acres of ground on the Illinois river at Averyville, formerly a suburb of Peoria but now within the city limits. They have a substantial set of buildings, equipped with modern machinery and other up-to-date facilities, and have railroad trackage and dumps, through which the handling of materials and products are greatly facilitated. Three hundred men are employed in the works and the products consist largely of agricultural implement parts, hardware and electrical parts, and stoves. Mr. Roby is president and general manager of the company and has devoted

his attention indefatigably to the building up of the business, in which he has been very successful.

On November 11, 1908, Mr. Roby was united in marriage to Miss Isabella Scott, a native of Chicago and a daughter of William C. and Mary Kent (Nash) Scott, the latter of whom is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Roby are the parents of three children, namely: William Scott, born April 25, 1910; Luther Edward, Jr., born June 22, 1911; and Isabella Scott, born November 25, 1915.

Mr. Roby has evinced a broad interest in the affairs of his city, particularly such as relate to the commercial prosperity and the civic welfare, and has long been regarded as one of Peoria's most substantial and progressive citizens.

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### H. J. HILLIARD

H. J. Hilliard, one of the ablest and most highly regarded municipal officers of the Illinois River Valley, is rendering splendid service as mayor of Ottawa, in which office he is serving his third year. A native of Bureau county, Illinois, he was born on the 1st of September, 1875, and is a son of John and Mariah (Hickling) Hilliard. His father, who was a native of Plattsburg, New York, was a veteran of the Civil war, for which he enlisted in the One Hundred and Eighteenth New York Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded and taken prisoner, and was confined in the notorious Libby prison. After the war he came to Illinois and became one of the early farmers of La Salle county. He was successful in his affairs, and in later years retired and established his home in Ottawa, where his death occurred in 1910, at the age of seventy-two years. Mariah (Hickling) Hilliard, who was born in Ottawa, Illinois, died in 1918. She was a niece of William Hickling, the first mayor of Ottawa and the first president of the Ottawa National Bank, whose family were numbered among the early settlers of La Salle county and became prominent and influential in local political and business affairs. To John and Mariah Hilliard were born two children, Annie, who died at the age of nine years, and H. J.

H. J. Hilliard received a good public school education and



soon after leaving school enlisted in the United States Navy, in which he served three years. After leaving the service he went to Waltham, Massachusetts, where he learned the trade of watch-making, at which he was employed there for three years. Returning then to Ottawa, he engaged in farming, which he followed for seven years. In 1908 Mr. Hilliard engaged in the automobile business as a dealer, and became very successful, continuing the business until 1921, when he sold out and retired.

On November 4, 1895, Mr. Hilliard was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth A. Gibbons, of Waltham, Massachusetts, and they became the parents of six children: John, who died in infancy; Mary, the wife of Joseph Brundage, of Ottawa; Hubert J., manager for the Standard Oil Company in Peoria, who married Miss Gladys Olson and has a son; Robert A., who is employed by the Koppers Erection Corporation, at Troy, New York; Elizabeth and John A., both attending school.

Politically Mr. Hilliard has always supported the republican party and has shown a constant interest in the welfare of his community. In 1927 he was the choice of the people for mayor and has earned an enviable reputation as a city executive who rules impartially and efficiently and is always to be found in his office, faithfully administering public affairs. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Modern Woodmen of America. A man of high civic ideals, he has shown keen and discriminating judgment in administering municipal interests and to a marked degree commands the confidence of his fellowmen.

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#### LEON C. IVES, M. D.

Dr. Leon C. Ives is numbered among the leading members of the medical profession in Peoria, where he has built up a large practice and gained a wide reputation, particularly in his special field of orthopedic surgery. He was born in Caryville, Michigan, on the 23d of March, 1890, and is a son of Leon J. and Josephine (Hass) Ives. He is a member of one of America's oldest families, being a descendant of Chauncey Ives, a native of

Wales, who came to the new world in 1624 on the ship Tweler and located where the city of Hartford, Connecticut, now stands. Dr. Ives' paternal grandparents were Chauncey and Mary (Brayton) Ives, both of whom were natives of New York state and died at Coopersville, Michigan, where he was engaged in mercantile affairs. Their son Leon J. Ives was born near Syracuse, New York, on August 31, 1860, and died in Coopersville, Michigan, in October, 1926. In early life he was a lumberman, but the greater part of his active career was spent as a merchant in Coopersville. He was a republican in politics and held several local offices. His wife was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on December 22, 1870, and is now residing in Toledo, Ohio. She is a daughter of William Hass, a native of Pennsylvania, who died at Coshocton, that state. He was a veteran of the Civil war, throughout which he served in the Union Army.

Leon C. Ives graduated from high school at Coopersville, Michigan, and from the Grand Haven (Michigan) Normal School in 1908, after which he attended Ferris Institute at Big Rapids, Michigan. He studied medicine in Valparaiso (Indiana) University for two years and completed his professional course at the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1916. He served as interne in the Frances Willard Hospital in Chicago for one year, after which, for about six months, he served as surgeon for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at Galesburg, Illinois, and Alliance, Nebraska. In the winter of 1917 Dr. Ives came to Peoria, locating at 725 Second street, where he remained until 1918, when he enlisted in the United States Medical Corps, in which he was commissioned first lieutenant. He was stationed at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, for five months, during which time he was on the general staff of the evacuation hospital group. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged and, returning at once to Peoria, resumed his practice. He remained at 725 Second street until 1920, since which time he has been in the Peoria Life building. He gives some attention to general practice, but the major portion of his work is along the line of orthopedic surgery, in which he is recognized as an expert, having accomplished some remarkable results.

On March 23, 1910, near Coopersville, Michigan, Dr. Ives was united in marriage to Miss Ora Lillie, who died in Peoria in December, 1918. She was a daughter of the late Benjamin and Elizabeth (Burke) Lillie. The former, who is deceased, was a farmer near Coopersville, and his widow is now residing in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Mrs. Ives graduated from the Coopersville high school and the Michigan State Normal School at Ypsilanti, after which she taught in the public schools prior to her marriage. She was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Dr. Ives is the father of two children, Geraldine Frances and Leon C., Jr.

Dr. Ives is a member of Ottawa Lodge, No. 122, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Peoria Lodge, I. O. O. F.; the Theta Kappa Psi and Phi Kappa Beta college fraternities; the University Club and the High Point Country Club. He gives his political support to the republican party and his religious membership is with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is affiliated with the Peoria County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the Industrial Surgeons' Association, the Tri-State Medical Association and the Mississippi Valley Medical Association.

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#### MISS E. L. HINDMAN

Miss E. L. Hindman, secretary and treasurer of the Fulton Manufacturing Company, is one of Canton's most highly respected women and has long been actively engaged in commercial affairs. She was born at Bardolph, McDonough county, Illinois, and received a good education, completing her studies at Hedding College. She taught school for about a year and in 1912, came to Canton. Her father and mother moved to Canton in 1918. Here she has since been active in business affairs, for which she has proved well adapted. She became secretary and treasurer of the Bankers and Merchants Association, in which capacity she served until 1918, when the organization was sold to



the Eastern Casualty Company, of Boston, Massachusetts. She has since been associated with A. Judson Allton, president of the Fulton Manufacturing Company, and is regarded as a very capable and dependable business woman.

Miss Hindman is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and sings in the choir of that society. She is a lover of nature and finds great enjoyment in cultivating shrubs and flowers. She reads broadly, keeping well informed on the economic topics of the day. Her intimate knowledge of business details and her sound judgment in practical things make her a valuable assistant and she is held in high esteem by all who are associated with her.

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### BENJAMIN L. SOMMER

With the passing of Benjamin L. Sommer on the 8th day of February, 1929, the Keystone Steel & Wire Company lost another one of its representatives of that generation who founded and developed the business, with every phase of which he was thoroughly familiar. While the enterprise was started in 1887 by his father and elder brothers, John and Peter W. Sommer, he had gone into the plant in his youth, had acquainted himself with every detail of operation and had long given his attention to management, filling various executive positions, including that of president, while at the time of his death he was chairman of the board of directors. Not only Peoria but the entire state mourned the loss of a representative citizen and one who in every relation of life measured up to the highest standards.

Mr. Sommer was born in Fairbury, Illinois, January 17, 1880, a son of the late Peter and Anna Mary Margaret (Breisacher) Sommer, the latter a native of Germany. Peter Sommer was born in Tazewell county, Illinois, November 6, 1843, and became one of the foremost representatives of industrial development in Illinois. Prior to the year 1834 members of the Sommer family came to this state from Ohio, settling in Pekin, Tazewell county, and among the number was the father of Peter Sommer, who, probably in the fall of 1833, married a girl from Pekin. The



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young couple lived in a one-room log cabin about three miles southeast of the town and there, as the years passed, several children were added to the household. On the 12th of September, 1834, a daughter, Catherine, was born but on the 12th of July, 1835, passed away. A son, Joseph, was born July 1, 1836, and on the 17th of December, 1839, twin daughters were added to the household, these being Jacobee, who became the wife of John Getz, of Morton, and Mary, who became Mrs. Claudin. A fourth daughter, Magdalena, was born June 14, 1842, and died January 1, 1843. Then came Peter Sommer and on the 13th of March, 1847, occurred the birth of Elizabeth, who became Mrs. Stamm.

When Peter Sommer was but three years of age the family decided to return to Ohio to visit his grandfather, making the trip in a covered wagon, and it was on this journey that his father passed away at Columbus, Ohio. The mother remained with her husband's people in Ohio for about a year and then returned to the little log cabin home near Pekin. For eight years her elder son, using a borrowed horse in addition to one of his own, cultivated a tract of land, probably about forty acres. In 1854 the mother married a Mr. Gingerich, a widower with six children who had recently returned from California, and the family, consisting of the parents and eleven children, all lived in the one-room log cabin until Mr. Gingerich afterward purchased a farm in Tazewell county.

Peter Sommer attended both German and English schools, the latter being the Antioch school, south of Tremont. His parents were God-fearing people who inculcated into his life a reverence and respect for the church that characterized his entire career, and though little is known concerning his forbears, his own life attests the fact that the aspirations which came to him from his parents were pride of ancestry, love of country, reverence for the word of God and its teachings and deep regard and respect for the home. He was nineteen years of age when he joined the church and his Christian belief was always one of the dominating influences of his life, manifesting itself in thorough reliability in business and kindly, helpful attitude toward his fellowmen. After the death of his mother, when he was still in his later teens, he left the farm where he had been working for

his older brother and went to Morton, where he secured employment at blacksmithing and at the wagon making trade. While working for his brother-in-law, Henry Miller, who was a manufacturer of riding plows and wagons, he developed considerable mechanical skill and ingenuity, and it was his knowledge of mechanics that enabled him in later life to become a successful inventor and manufacturer as the head of the Keystone Steel & Wire Company.

It was also while in the employ of his brother-in-law at Morton that Peter Sommer was married to Miss Anna Mary Margaret Breisacher, usually known as Mary Breisacher, and they became the parents of eight children: John, who was born in Morton, December 29, 1865; Mary, born in Morton, March 11, 1868; Peter William, born in Indian Grove township, September 10, 1869; Lidia Mary, born in Indian Grove township, August 15, 1871; Samuel, born in Indian Grove township, November 5, 1874; Joseph, born in Livingston county, February 21, 1877; Benjamin L., of this review; and William H., born in Dillon township, Tazewell county, June 25, 1882.

Desiring to rear his children amid a rural environment rather than in a city, Peter Sommer gave up his trade in 1869 and took up his abode upon a farm in Livingston county, about six miles south of Fairbury, where he resided until the spring of 1880. The land was not yet tilled and notwithstanding his strenuous efforts there were five crop failures in seven years. He then decided to pay off his debts and start anew. When he had met his financial obligations he had only enough money left to enable him to buy three acres of land, which he secured about eight miles from Fairbury. He also owned a horse and an old buggy, which during the winter he rebuilt and then exchanged it for another horse, thereby acquiring a team. About this time he rented from his elder brother, Joseph, the farm on the Mackinaw river which he had previously occupied with his mother prior to her death. One of the provisions attached to his leasing of this land was the making of eighty rods of fence annually. Previous to this time the landlord had been furnishing the rails for the fence, but he served notice that in the future the tenant would be required to split his own rails.

Peter Sommer was at that time well along in years and his sons, John and Peter W., aged sixteen and ten years, were too young to split the rails. It was then that they began studying the question of making wire fence. They attempted to bend a washer and thread wires through it but were unsuccessful in this effort and, moreover, learned that a fence of similar character had already been patented. They did not give up, however, and one day John Sommer came to his father with a sample twist now known as the Keystone twist. The idea seemed practical and they worked at it until they had perfected wire fencing of that character, when they set about designing a machine for manufacture. At first they only had a wooden frame and John Sommer would hold the wires together at the front, while one of his brothers would hold them at the back. However, Peter Sommer, with the aid of his sons, designed the first weaving machine and thus solved the problem which had been before the mind of the farmer for many years, as timber became scarce on the Illinois prairie: "What shall we do for fence." Thus began a new chapter in his life history, but prior to this time and also for years afterward there were days of hardship and trial—days when farm work was done by hand without the aid of the modern machinery that today so greatly lessens farm toil. Circumstances beyond his control caused him to incur debts and his creditors came, one taking away a horse, another a cow, another a wagon, to satisfy their claims, until there was only one horse left. With characteristic honor Peter Sommer offered this to a man in payment of a debt which he still owed, but that man, being of rare Christian character, said: "No, you keep that horse and pay me when you can." Those years were filled with unremitting toil and even after the invention of the wire fencing there was a considerable period in which it was with difficulty that the business was established and developed.

The first fence which Peter Sommer and his sons made on the farm was sold to Gottlieb Kirth, who saw it and immediately made the purchase. The Sommers felt that they could make the fence for about sixty cents per rod and at once began the development of a plant for manufacture. They had a twenty-foot run to draw out the wire in a little frame barn upon the farm



and then they had to go back and start the work afresh. The first string of fence built created a profound impression in the neighborhood. Farmers came from miles around to see it and recognized that it was practical, inexpensive and a great labor saver. Business soon outgrew the first little plant and a removal was made from the farm to a little frame building in Tremont, where it was not so difficult to obtain material or make deliveries. Still the trade increased and when a second plant in Tremont was built, largely of brick, it was felt that the enterprise had reached its limit of capacity. The demand for the fencing, however, continued and it was sold mostly to farmers, for dealers did not wish to carry it in stock. As the business increased the difficulty of getting material and making proper shipments convinced the company that Tremont did not furnish proper facilities for the conduct of a business of this character and they began contemplating a removal to Peoria. In 1895 arrangements were completed whereby the plant was transferred to South Adams street in Peoria, where it was easier to acquire materials and make shipments. By this time other factories had begun the manufacture of wire fence, but though they had competitors, the growth of the Sommer enterprise was gradual and sure. They found it was necessary again to obtain larger quarters and their first location in Peoria was abandoned for a site at South Bartonville, a suburb of Peoria. Here new buildings have constantly been added, the capacity has been increased from time to time and today the Keystone Steel & Wire Company has a mammoth plant covering many acres. Improvements have been introduced from time to time in methods of manufacture and the Keystone Steel & Wire Company is sending out an output that is known throughout the entire country. Every phase of industrial development in their line is here represented and not only were they pioneers in the production of a marketable steel fence but they have also always been the leaders in introducing new ideas of practical worth in the conduct of the business.

Some time after the establishment of the enterprise Peter W. and John Sommer each borrowed a thousand dollars from their father to purchase a third interest in the business. In those early days John Sommer looked after the mechanical part of the busi-

ness and Peter W. Sommer did most of the office work. The labors of the sons ably rounded out the efforts and activities of the father and in due course of time they succeeded him in the ownership and management of the undertaking. The company was first known as the Keystone Woven Wire Fence Company when operating at Tremont, Illinois, and its officers were: Peter Sommer, president; John Sommer, vice president; and Peter W. Sommer, secretary and treasurer. On the 17th of March, 1902, the name was changed to the Keystone Fence Company and on the 25th of January, 1904, an election resulted as follows: Peter Sommer, president; Joseph W. Sommer, secretary; and Peter W. Sommer, treasurer. The election the following year continued Peter Sommer in the presidency, with Peter W. Sommer as vice president and general manager, Joseph W. Sommer as secretary and Benjamin L. Sommer as treasurer. On the 7th of August, 1906, Peter W. Sommer was elected president, Joseph W. becoming vice president, while Benjamin L. Sommer was made secretary and treasurer. In that year the father retired from active connection with the business, spending his remaining days in the enjoyment of well earned rest. On the 18th of July, 1907, the name of the company was changed to the Keystone Steel & Wire Company.

The death of Peter Sommer occurred February 16, 1920, when he had reached the age of seventy-six years, three months and ten days. Joy and sorrow, adversity and prosperity, had checkered the career of him and the faithful wife whom he had married September 1, 1864. Death came to the household on various occasions, although most of the children survived the parents. John, the eldest son, died April 7, 1928. Mary, the eldest daughter, passed away July 15, 1868, when but four months old. The second daughter, Lidia Mary, died January 8, 1873, at the age of a year and a half. The third son, Samuel, died January 25, 1880, at the age of five years. The next son, Joseph, died May 11, 1907, at the age of thirty years. Peter William passed away April 7, 1924, while Benjamin L. departed this life about five years later. Mrs. Mary Sommer, the mother, was called to rest on the 5th of April, 1928. On May 29, 1925, there was unveiled a

tablet in memory of Peter and Peter W. Sommer, a gift to the Keystone Steel & Wire Company by its employes.

A contemporary biographer wrote: "From the pioneer epoch in the history of Illinois the Sommer family has figured in connection with its agricultural and industrial development. Through the need of fencing upon his own farm the father, Peter Sommer, invented a wire fence the practical utility of which was at once recognized and led him and his sons to take up the work of manufacturing such fencing. Many of the first appliances used in the manufacturing of their product were invented by Peter Sommer and his sons John, Peter William and Joseph. In later years the other two sons, Benjamin L. and William H., helped in the work, and the last named is the only one still living. The steady and substantial growth of the enterprise led to the removal of the plant from the farm near Tremont, where operations were first carried on, to Tremont, but still they found facilities inadequate there and in 1895 established their business in South Peoria, where it was possible to secure materials in much less time and to make shipments. Finally the Keystone Steel & Wire Company moved to its present location near South Bartonville in 1901 and the plant was brought to completion in 1916. The business was being conducted at Tremont when Benjamin L. Sommer began working with the organization as a spooler. Indolence and idleness were ever foreign to his nature. He applied himself closely to the tasks at hand and worked his way upward through the various departments, gaining an intimate and accurate knowledge of the business, so that he was well qualified to direct the labors of others when he was called to executive position, his final connection with the enterprise being that of chairman of the board. Those associated with him in the business speak in the highest terms of his ability and keen sagacity. He found ready solution for intricate and involved problems of manufacture and, moreover, he had the ability to correlate seemingly diverse interests into a unified and harmonious whole. Broad vision enabled him to see the possibilities of any situation and his habit of delving to the root of any matter enabled him to understand fully the value of any plan or proposition presented. He served for some time as secretary and treasurer of the com-



pany, later became its president and eventually chairman of the board, but in whatever relation he sustained he was held in the highest regard by his employes and his fellow officials. The business ranks of Peoria indeed lost a prominent and valued representative when he passed away."

On the 17th of June, 1923, Mr. Sommer was married to Sara Irene Sova, her parents being Frank and Fannie (Kolleda) Sova, of Peoria, the former a shoe merchant. Frank Sova, a native of Czechoslovakia, emigrated to the United States in early youth and in this country married Miss Kolleda, who was born in Austria Hungary. Mr. and Mrs. Sommer had four children: Thelma Irene, Benjamin Lloyd, Thomas Peter and Rosalie Mary.

Mr. Sommer's interest centered in his family and he found his greatest happiness in providing for the welfare of those of his own household. He maintained an attractive winter home at Coral Gables and it was there that he passed away, his death resulting from a heart attack from which he had suffered at intervals for a considerable time. It was said of him that his life was successful not only in material but in spiritual things. He was an active member of the Apostolic Christian Church and he was governed by principles that he endeavored to instill into his men. Charles W. LaPorte, long closely associated with him in business and also in the closer ties of friendship, said: "I am sure that from the character of the man we can reach no other conclusion than that he wanted us to be straightforward in all our undertakings; to put into every undertaking the best that is in us; not to shirk our responsibilities; to be as considerate in the treatment of our fellowmen as we would expect from them and finally that we have sincere belief in ourselves and apply ourselves to our daily duties in the honest belief that our work merits our best efforts. What tribute can we pay to Mr. Sommer better than that exemplified by the life he lived? A lovable character and a Christian. A genial and companionable associate. Generous to a fault. Alive to the needs of the community in which he lived and ever ready and willing to aid in its development and succoring its institutions of whatever character or kind they may be. An example of industry. A good husband and father and untiring and unselfish in his devotion to his family and friends, and ever mind-

ful of the needy and a desire and willingness to give of his means to add cheer and happiness to those about him. He will be missed and, aside from his immediate family, none will miss him more than those of us who have labored with him down through the years which have gone."

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### FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

The Fairview community high school, erected in 1922 at a total cost of one hundred thousand dollars for the building, equipment and ground, is one of the finest schools in Fulton county. Situated on the north side of Fairview, it occupies a site of thirteen acres overlooking the town. The lawn is planted to shrubbery and grass and is very beautiful. The building, which is of yellow or buff brick, is three and a half stories above ground and strictly modern. The upper floor has five recitation rooms, a large study hall, rest room, principal's office, two store rooms and a well equipped library. The next floor contains boys' and girls' rest rooms and locker rooms, a science laboratory, a kitchen and dining room for domestic science, a sewing room and a band room. The lower floor contains the gymnasium, dressing rooms, boiler room and equipment rooms. The gymnasium is provided with a spacious stage and will seat five hundred people. The school also has a garage and stable building that will house twenty-five cars and the same number of horses. This is used by the students without cost. The student body is drawn from an area of seventy-two miles and consists of about one hundred boys and girls. About one-third of the school's graduates attend higher institutions of learning and the district is one that is directly interested in education, with progressive patrons who cooperate with the board and faculty in their undertakings. The school ground contains a spacious athletic field where baseball, track and various other games are carried on. The school also engages in basket-ball.

The school is accredited by the Illinois State University and the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Fairview high school was organized in 1899 as a three-year high

school, and the first class graduated in 1900. In 1908 the course was changed from three to four years. In 1921 this became a community high school and it was held in the grade school building of Fairview until the new building was finished. The school has a mixed band of boys and girls from the grade school. The course of study is like that of any first class high school, with especial interest in the teaching of character and high morale.

Dr. W. L. Crouch is president of the school board, of which Jerome Lawson, Guy Alcott, J. W. Cattron and Charles Otto are members. The present teachers are Hazel Suydam, teacher of English; Myrtle McLaren, instructor in home economics and science; Mary Chamberlain, in charge of the departments of Latin and history; and E. S. Saville, coach and teacher of science and social science. M. W. Parker is band director. T. R. Hightower is janitor of the building.

Gordon A. Cook, principal of the school, was born in Charleston, Illinois, September 12, 1896. His father, George M. Cook, was born May 26, 1864, and was a carpenter at Charleston. The mother, Maude L. Snider, was born November 23, 1874, and became the wife of George M. Cook on the 19th of November, 1895. Four sons were born to them and all have won prominence in the educational field. They are: Leslie Clark, a teacher in one of the junior high schools of Chicago; Raymond, a member of the faculty of the University of Texas; Stanley, an instructor in the public schools of North Chicago; and Gordon A.

The last named was graduated from the Charleston high school and was next a student at the Eastern Illinois State Teachers College, which conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1926. While there he made his letter on the basket-ball team and also played baseball. He was class treasurer in 1915-16, president of the student council in 1925-26 and president of the College Alumni Association in 1929-30. He also belongs to the Phi Delta Kappa fraternity. He is now taking a course at the University of Illinois in preparation for the Master's degree. From 1915 until 1917 he was principal of the high school at Camargo, Illinois, and during the following year was assistant principal of the junior high school at Michigan City, Indiana. He next worked as an accountant for one and a half years and then



resumed teaching, becoming principal of the high school at Sparland, Illinois, in 1920. From 1921 until 1925 he had charge of the high school at Herrick, this state, and during 1925 and 1926 he attended the University of Illinois. He then came to Fairview and has since been principal of its community high school—a position for which he is well qualified by reason of his ability and experience.

On the 29th of August, 1923, Mr. Cook was married to Miss Vica Mae Sloan, a daughter of Otis and Edna Sloan, of Herrick, Illinois. Mrs. Cook was born November 25, 1901, and completed her high school studies at Shelbyville, Illinois. Mr. Cook is a Mason and both he and his wife are affiliated with the Eastern Star, in which she has held office, while she is also connected with the Royal Neighbors. In politics Mr. Cook is a democrat and in the work of the Methodist Church he takes an active part. He is a member of the Fulton County Schoolmasters Club, the Fulton County Literary and Athletic Association and the State Teachers Association. He keeps in touch with the most advanced ideas along educational lines and is progressive in his views and high in his standards.

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### TREMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

One of Tremont's most highly appreciated institutions is its public library, which has been in existence for thirteen years, during which time it has grown steadily in popularity and usefulness.

The library had its inception through the efforts of two prominent women of Tremont, Mrs. Mable Cambell and Miss Jennie Briggs, and the work was carried on by the efforts of a volunteer library board. In 1926 Mrs. Esther Washburn gave a building for the purpose of a library and in the next year, 1927, the electors of the city voted to levy a tax for the support and maintenance of the institution. In addition to providing for the fixed and ordinary expenses, there is each year set aside a fund for the purchase of new books as needed. The library now has on its shelves one thousand seven hundred and seven volumes of fiction, includ-

ing juvenile books, complete sets of encyclopedias and many reference works, as well as many magazines and other publications.

The library has four hundred thirty-two patrons, adult and children, and its patronage has shown a steady increase from year to year. From a small and unpretentious collection of books, the library has become one of the best to be found in towns of this size, thanks to the persistent and well directed efforts of the library board.

The present members of the library board are, president—Miss Julia Hayward; vice president—Mrs. Blanche Rusk; secretary—Mrs. Cornelia Becker; treasurer—Miss Marietta Morse; Mrs. Eva Cullinan and Mrs. Lillian Barton.

The librarian is Miss Ida Jeanpert who has filled the position for six years.

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### SMITHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

The Smithfield, Illinois, high school is a two-story brick building with its own heating plant. The building was erected to house what was the outgrowth of a series of schools that had their beginning in 1823, when a log schoolhouse was constructed. The school now offers a three-year course of study and is supported by a district high school tax. It is an accredited three-year high school with twenty-six students. The grade school is also housed in the building and has fifty-eight pupils. They are trained in athletic sports and their basket-ball teams are usually outstanding.

Earl D. Walters, principal of the school, was born near Lewistown, Illinois, August 10, 1887, and is a son of Mortimer C. and Addie Amelia Walters. He attended the grammar school at Bernadotte, Illinois, and the high school at Macomb, completing his studies in the State Teachers College, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Education in 1907. Since his graduation he has been a teacher and principal in many schools in Illinois, also serving as superintendent of schools, and took charge of the Smithfield high school in 1929.

On the 14th of June, 1911, Mr. Walters was married to Miss

Ruby Pearl Melvin, who was born May 23, 1881, a daughter of James and Melinda (Phillips) Melvin. After attending the public schools of Schuyler county, Mrs. Walters took a course in the Normal College at Bloomington, Illinois, and prior to her marriage was a teacher for fourteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Walters have a son, Max Melvin, who was born May 2, 1912, and is now a student in the Western Illinois State Normal School at Macomb.

The parents are members of the Presbyterian Church and Mr. Walters is a republican in his political views. He takes a keen interest in community affairs as well as in his school work and is a valuable acquisition to the citizenship of Smithfield. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Masonic fraternity, in which he has taken the thirty-second degree, and the Order of the Eastern Star, to which his wife also belongs. He stands high as an educator and is a prominent member of the Fulton County Schoolmasters Club and the Illinois State Teachers Association.

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### ANTHONY L. FALETTI

Anthony L. Faletti, the efficient and popular postmaster at Springvalley, Bureau county, has for many years been prominent in the business circles of this section of the state, having for nearly three decades been engaged in a prosperous manufacturing enterprise. He was born at Braidwood, Will county, this state, on the 16th of December, 1876, a son of Stephen and Mary (Pistonatti) Faletti. The parents were natives of Italy, in which country they were reared and married. The father, who was a miner, came alone to the United States in 1871, and was followed three years later by his wife. He worked in the mines at Braidwood for seven years, and in 1878 established a mercantile business at that place, in which he was very successful, becoming also a stockholder in the local bank. He was a republican in his political views and a leader of the Italians in that locality. He served as alderman and city treasurer, and was also a member of the school board for thirty-nine years, during twenty-nine years of which period he was treasurer of the board. He died in



1924, at the age of seventy-six years, and his wife passed away in 1922, when seventy-three years old. They both spoke English fluently. They were devout members of the Roman Catholic Church and Mr. Faletti belonged to the Catholic Knights of Illinois. They became the parents of four children, as follows: Anthony L., of this review; Mrs. John Peart, of Gillespie, Macoupin county, Illinois, who is the owner of two motion picture houses; Mrs. Harry D. Brown, whose husband is the machinist for the Superior Coal Company at Gillespie, Illinois, and Joseph, who is a machinist and owns a plant at Lincoln, this state.

Anthony L. Faletti attended the public schools of Braidwood and after graduating from high school entered his father's store, in which he was employed until 1896, when he came to Springvalley, and forming a partnership, under the name of Faletti & Data, engaged in the manufacture of coal mining machinery and tools. Their products were of high quality and were in much demand among the miners of this district during the twenty-nine years in which the business was carried on. On May 4, 1926, Mr. Faletti received from Calvin Coolidge the appointment as postmaster at Springvalley, in which position he is still serving. His faculty for doing well whatever he undertakes has been exemplified in the manner in which he has handled the post office, for he takes pride in the quality of service which he has rendered in handling the mail.

Mr. Faletti was united in marriage to Miss Irene Guerini, of Clark city, this state, a daughter of Mrs. Caliste Guerini. She was born in Italy and at the age of four years was brought to the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Faletti are the parents of five children, namely: Mary, who resides at home is a talented musician, having studied at Joliet; Stephen is district agent for the Sun Life Insurance Company of Canada, with offices at La Salle, Illinois. He and his father went in company to register in the draft for World war service. Stephen attended the Students Army Training Corps while in the University of Wisconsin and later graduated from Princeton (N. J.) University. Anthony, who is a graduate of the medical school of the University of Illinois, is engaged in the practice of medicine at Oak Park, Illinois; Emma, who is the widow of John Bird, resides in Oak Park and

is a graduate nurse; and Fred, who is a graduate of the Spring-valley high school. During the World war Mr. Faletti took an active part in promoting the various Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives, contributing to the extent of his ability to the success of the Allies. He is one of Bureau county's best known citizens and has honored his community by his life and labors. He has always been interested in political affairs and has been influential in his locality. He served as city clerk from 1905 to 1911, and was clerk of the construction department of the state prison at Joliet from 1921 to 1925. He served as township committeeman of the republican party and has been a delegate many times to county, district and state conventions. He served for four years as secretary of the library board, and is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose.

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### HON. ROBERT SCHOLES

The late Hon. Robert Scholes of Peoria, lawyer, legislator and political leader, had the distinction of being the first citizen of his native city to be chosen speaker of the house of representatives of the Illinois legislature. He was elected to that position at the opening of the fifty-fourth general assembly, on the 7th of January, 1925, receiving the solid republican vote. Born in Peoria, Illinois, December 5, 1866, he was a son of Richard and Anna (Hanna) Scholes, and always resided in this city save for a brief period of a few years which the family spent in Pekin during his boyhood days.

The following review of the career of Robert Scholes' father is taken from the "History of Illinois and Her People," published by The American Historical Society, Inc., in 1927: "Richard Scholes was born and reared in Ireland, and was a young man when he came to the United States and established his residence in Peoria, Illinois. He sacrificed all other interests to go forth in defense of the Union when the Civil war was precipitated on his adopted land. On the 28th of September, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and in this command he was commissioned first lieutenant by Governor Rich-



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ard Yates. He was with his regiment in many engagements, including a number of major battles, and proved a valiant soldier and efficient commanding officer. He continued in service until the close of the war, and in the city of Chicago he received his honorable discharge August 5, 1865. He then returned to Peoria, and in this city he continued his residence until his death, in January, 1868, when he was but thirty-eight years of age. Mrs. Anna (Hanna) Scholes was born in Glasgow, Scotland, as was also her father, Alexander Hanna, who thence came with his family to the United States in the year 1852, the voyage having been made on a sailing vessel of the type common to that period and having required several weeks to complete. The family landed in the port of New York city, thence proceeded up the Hudson river to Albany, the next stage of the journey having been by the Erie canal to Buffalo, and from the latter point the voyage was continued on the Great Lakes to Chicago. The old Illinois and Michigan canal transported the family to Peoria, much of the land now included in this city having been at that time covered with the native timber. Mr. Hanna leased a tract of prairie land in Limestone township and instituted its development. Later he was employed a few years as a miller in Peoria, and he next bought land on West Bluff and turned his attention to truck-farming or gardening. His wife, whose maiden name was Agnes Anderson, likewise was born and reared in Glasgow, and both lived to good old age, they having been sterling and honored citizens of Peoria county at the time of their death, and having here reared their family of nine children. After the death of her first and youthful husband Mrs. Anna (Hanna) Scholes became the wife of David H. Stock, a native of Scotland, and after nine years' residence at Pekin, Tazewell county, they established their permanent home in Peoria, where Mr. Stock was for several years the superintendent of a large meat-packing house. The death of Mrs. Stock occurred in May, 1915, when she was seventy-five years of age, and her memory is revered by all who came within the sphere of her gracious and gentle influence."

Robert Scholes was a child at the time of his father's death and after his mother's second marriage he removed with her to Pekin, where he attended the public schools. After the return to

Peoria he here continued to attend the public schools until his graduation from the high school as a member of the class of 1887. He then began the study of law under the preceptorship of Kellogg & Cameron, one of the leading law firms of Peoria, and was admitted to the Illinois bar on the 21st of November, 1889. Throughout the remainder of his life he continued in the practice of his profession at Peoria and gained rank as one of the leading members of the bar of this section of the state, his clientage being one of substantial and representative order. He gave to his clients the benefit of well developed talents and of unwearied industry, yet never forgot that he owed a still higher allegiance to the majesty of the law. Success came to him because his preparation of a case was comprehensive and exhaustive and his presentation of his cause before the court was strong, logical and forceful.

The first public office held by Mr. Scholes was that of village attorney of South Peoria, and later he served in a similar capacity for the village of Peoria Heights. He was attorney for the village of Bartonville, a suburb of Peoria, from the time of its incorporation until 1924. In the meanwhile he had given vigorous and resourceful service as chairman of the republican central committee of Peoria county and had shown skill and finesse in maneuvering the political forces at his command. In 1904 Mr. Scholes was elected state's attorney of Peoria county, and by reelection he continued the incumbent of this office until 1912, with a splendid record as a vital and efficient public prosecutor. In 1914 Mr. Scholes was elected representative from the eighteenth district in the forty-ninth general assembly of the Illinois legislature, and in 1922 he was elected to the fifty-third general assembly, his record in which brought about his triumphant reelection in the spirited campaign of 1924. He proved an active and valued working member of the legislature and served as a member of important committees of the house of representatives, in which came to him a crowning honor when he was elected its speaker in January, 1925. Mr. Scholes was also particularly well known on account of his activity in the interest of game preservation. He was an enthusiastic sportsman himself, and for many years had recognized the need of adequate game laws to protect this interest, and it was largely through his efforts that bills for the preserva-



tion of game were introduced and passed in the legislature. He had the solid backing of every sportsman's club in the state.

On the 11th of July, 1893, Mr. Scholes was united in marriage to Miss Ida Mae Partridge, who was born and reared in Peoria, a daughter of Harvey Eugene and Rosamon Partridge. Mr. and Mrs. Scholes had but one child, Jessie, who gave her hand in marriage to Frank Norris, of Peoria. Mr. Scholes was affiliated with the Sons of Veterans of the Civil war, the Knights of Pythias, with both York and Scottish Rite bodies of the Masonic fraternity, as well as the Mystic Shrine, and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was a member of the Duck Island Club. In his death, which occurred October 23, 1929, in Peoria, the community sustained the loss of one of its most distinguished and honored citizens.

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### FULTON MANUFACTURING COMPANY

The Fulton Manufacturing Company, which is now recognized as one of Canton's most important industries, was started in 1921, at which time its assets consisted chiefly in formulas and an able and willing corps of officials. From June, 1921, to October, 1922, its progress was so satisfactory that the business was incorporated, with A. J. Allton as president; W. A. Allton, vice president; Miss E. L. Hindman, secretary and treasurer; and L. A. Allton, general plant superintendent and chemist. The company at its inception entered upon the manufacture of stock foods and tonics, with a product adapted to every ailment of live stock or poultry. Soon afterward a complete line of insecticides and disinfectants was added. The stock foods are packed under the label "Ful-Tone." The company has also perfected a formula for a compound known as "Dairy-All." The list of these products covers the complete field of their purpose and they have steadily grown in popularity, the volume of their sales showing a continuous growth from year to year.

Lately the company has taken up the manufacture of a complete line of household necessities and cosmetics, the list being extensive and varied and satisfying the needs of the modern home

along these lines. These household articles are packed under the label of "Fulton" and consist of extracts, spices, baking powder, washing powders, soaps and other articles. The company has put quality into its products and the name "Fulton" is rapidly becoming permanently linked with the homes within its territory. The cosmetic line, which is very complete, is packed under the brand "La-Joi," under which label are the talcs, perfumes, face powders, toilet waters and other articles which go to complete Milady's toilet.

All of the products of the Fulton Manufacturing Company are manufactured in the company's strictly modern and sanitary plant at Canton. The factory has a floor space of six thousand five hundred square feet, and is equipped with modern and improved machinery. The building, which is constructed of brick, is semi-fireproof, and has its own heating plant. The machinery is electrically driven. The products of the company are sold direct to the consumer through a corps of salesmen who cover practically all of the central states. It is the rule of the company to select honest, conscientious men, who can consistently carry their products to the homes, and thus establish themselves with their patrons in a growing and successful business. The officers of the company are capable in every respect, have a permanent interest in their customers, and their slogan is to satisfy and give value for every dollar's worth of business that they secure. With these principles and ideals before them, they have forged ahead and are daily adding many new and satisfied customers to their list of patrons.

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### CONKLIN-REULING LUMBER COMPANY

Among Pekin's oldest and most important business organizations is the Conklin-Reuling Lumber Company, which has been in existence about three-quarters of a century, during which period it has held its position in the first rank of the community's commercial enterprises. The business was established prior to the Civil war, under the name of Weiss & Company. The company manufactured lumber, the logs for its mill being floated

down the Illinois river. In 1858 K. S. Conklin entered the employ of the company, and about 1874 bought an interest in the business. The title of the company later became the Conklin-Reuling Lumber Company, under which name the business is still conducted, although H. A. Reuling has had no financial interest in the concern since 1915. This was the first lumber company established in Pekin and is the largest. Eugene L. Conklin, a son of K. S. Conklin, is the present general manager of the business.

The yard of the Conklin-Reuling Lumber Company covers a large part of four blocks of ground, and the lumber and builders' supplies are contained in nine buildings, covering thirty-two thousand square feet of space. The company has a large and completely equipped planing mill, in which are manufactured cabinet work and all kinds of finished work. In addition to lumber supplies, the yard carries mill work, brick, tile, lime, cement, glass and paint. Prior to 1922 the company did general contracting and was the builder of many of Pekin's best business and residential structures, including the old high school building, the Tazewell Hotel and the county jail. The success of the company during all the years of its existence has been based on good materials, superior quality of work and right prices, and its wide reputation for fair dealing. Some of the employes have been with the business for four decades. The company does both a wholesale and retail business and is an institution of large importance to the community.

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### VINCENT CLARENCE BOYNTON

One of the best known of the older residents of Vermont, Fulton county, is Vincent C. Boynton, who was during his active years numbered among the leading farmers of this section of the valley. He was born at Fiatt, Fulton county, Illinois, on September 30, 1856, and is a son of Egbert G. and Barbara Ann (Baughman) Boynton, of whom the former was born in Troy, New York, July 29, 1831, and the latter near Ashland, Ohio, May 24, 1833. Egbert G. Boynton was a son of E. L. and Elizabeth (Fancher) Boynton and in 1836, when scarcely five years of age, he accom-



panied his parents all the way from Troy to Copperas Creek Landing by water. His father settled on section 36, Joshua township, Fulton county, and lived there for upwards of forty years. Egbert G. Boynton assisted in clearing the home farm and in its cultivation, and during those early years also bore his share of the privations and discomforts of frontier life, as well as taking advantage of the splendid opportunities for hunting large and small game. Barbara Ann (Baughman) Boynton came to Fulton county in a wagon from Ashland, Ohio, in 1836, her parents, John and Anna Barbara (Fast) Baughman, settling first on Totten Prairie, Cass township. Later they moved to Fiatt, where the daughter grew to womanhood. In 1880 Egbert G. Boynton and his wife removed to a farm in Lee township, where he spent the remaining years of his life, his death occurring on November 7, 1894. He was a lifelong republican, and he and his wife were earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Vincent Clarence Boynton received his early education in the district schools, had three years in the Cuba high school, and two terms in Hedding College, at Abingdon, Illinois. During his student years he spent his vacations in assisting his father in the cultivation of the home farm. After leaving college he took up educational work, which he followed for eighteen years. During five years of that period he served as principal of the Ellisville schools and was recognized as one of Fulton county's ablest and most successful teachers. He lived in section 36, Joshua township, until the spring of 1880, when he moved to Lee township, where, in the following spring, he moved onto land which he had previously purchased. From 1895 on he gave all of his attention to agricultural pursuits, owning one hundred and forty acres of land, which he maintained at a high state of cultivation, and lived there continuously until his retirement, since when he has resided in Vermont.

On December 25, 1878, in Cuba, Mr. Boynton was married to Miss Sarah Nancy Cruisen, who was born in Bushnell, this state, January 19, 1858, and is a daughter of Abram and Sarah (Wheeler) Cruisen. Mrs. Boynton moved to Cuba with her parents when a child, was educated in the public schools of that town, and not only learned the milliner's trade, but also engaged in

educational work for several terms. She is a member of the Christian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Boynton was born a son, Lloyd V., on October 6, 1879, and the latter is now a successful physician in Peoria, this state.

Mr. Boynton has always supported the republican party and served for eighteen years as a school director; from 1881 to 1888 as commissioner of highways; tax collector during 1896, and census enumerator in 1900. He joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Ellisville in 1882, has held every office in his lodge and has been a delegate to the grand lodge for two years.

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### P & O BAND

One of the distinctive organizations of the Illinois River Valley is the famous P & O Band of Canton, which has been in practically continuous existence for about eighty years and during all of this period has maintained its place in the front rank of the bands in this section of the country. In the early history of Canton one of its most important industries was the Parlin & Orendorff Plow Works, one of the biggest factors in the growth of this city, and which in 1919 was purchased by the International Harvester Company, under whose ownership it is now operated. In February, 1851, a band of musicians in Canton held a meeting and organized the "Canton Brass Band," the membership of which was as follows: L. W. Hall, first Eb cornet; Michael Cromer, second Eb cornet; William Donn, Eb bugle; William Johnson, first Bb cornopean; John Bailey, second Bb cornopean; W. Haskell, first slide trombone; Ralph Cottrell, second slide trombone; Reuben Weeks, ophicleide; Stephen Stewart, Bb tuba; Albert Ackerman, side drum, and James Johnson, bass drum. From that time to the present many changes have taken place in the membership, none of the original members being alive at this time. However, it has been stated that a complete list of all the members of the organization would disclose the names of many of the pioneers who helped to build Canton, as well as many who have since become prominent in the commercial, professional and political affairs of Canton and Fulton county. The only break

in the continuous existence of the organization was during the Civil war, when most of its members enlisted in their country's service. However, after the war the band was reorganized and has been active ever since.

During its existence the band has had comparatively few changes in name, as is indicated by the following list: 1851 to 1861, Canton Brass Band; 1861 to 1879, Canton Silver Cornet Band; 1879 to 1884, Fourth Regiment Band, Illinois National Guard; 1884 to 1891, Parlin & Orendorff Co. Fourth Regiment Band; 1891 to 1910, Parlin & Orendorff Co. Fifth Regiment Band; 1910 to 1920, Parlin & Orendorff Co. Band; 1920 to 1930, International Harvester P & O Plow Works Band. On March 28, 1884, the band was incorporated under the laws of the state of Illinois and for more than forty years its affairs have been administered by its legally elected directors and officers. Regardless of the long names which the band has borne since 1884, it has been popularly called the "P & O Band," and will no doubt for many years to come be known by that name.

So far as is known, William Johnson, one of the original members of the band, was the musical director until 1877, a period of twenty-six years, including the Civil war interruption. His successors have been as follows: 1877 to 1897, B. Frank Elliott; 1897 to 1898, Jonathan Stanton; 1899 to 1904, B. Frank Elliott; 1904 to 1918, Frederick D. Walker; 1919, M. R. DeArville; 1920, Bert F. Tabor; 1921 to 1923, Everett A. Moses; 1924, Simon Kooyman; 1924 to 1927, George A. Bittrich; 1927 to 1931, Frederick D. Walker. The business managers of the band since 1876 have been as follows: 1876 to 1892, Frank Hulit; 1892 to 1895, John S. Tendick; 1895 to 1897, T. M. "Hygie" Wilson; 1897 to 1901, William H. Shaw; 1901 to 1903, William H. Harrison; 1903 to 1906, Frederick B. Thompson; 1906 to 1908, Charles Seebree; 1908 to 1916, Frederick D. Walker; 1916 to 1919, Raymond E. Kenny; 1919 to 1922, Van B. Eyerly; 1922 to 1930, George F. Cogshall.

The P & O Band has at various times filled many notable engagements away from home. Among these were "Illinois Day," at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893, when the P & O Band headed the "Illinois Day" civic parade; the



Veiled Prophets' Carnival in St. Louis; the eight-day daylight run of the special train of P & O farm implements from Canton to Stamford, Texas, in November, 1908; numerous engagements at the Illinois state fair, as well as conventions and many other events. From March 22 to 27 inclusive, 1926, was held the diamond jubilee of the International Harvester P & O Plow Works Band, which was an extremely interesting occasion and attended by enormous crowds of people, who thus testified to their respect for the organization and their appreciation of the splendid programs which have been played by this band in past years. The popular Saturday evening concerts given by this band in Jones Park are honored by half the population of Canton, as well as by hundreds of farmers and residents of the nearby towns. As a musical organization its standing is of the highest, and its programs are made up of the selections of the old masters, as well as the latest and best modern composers. There are four reasons for the excellence of the music furnished by the P & O Band: First, the comparatively few changes in the personnel from year to year; second, the expertness of the individual players; third, the weekly rehearsals of the band throughout the year; and fourth, the high order of musical talent demanded of its musical directors.

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#### JOHN E. MCCORVIE, M. D.

Dr. John E. McCorvie, who is associated with Dr. Clifford U. Collins in the practice of medicine and surgery at 427 Jefferson building, Peoria, has won a high place in public esteem because of his ability and success. He was born in Chatham, Ontario, Canada, on the 2d of May, 1892, and is a son of John and Margaret (McLaren) McCorvie. The paternal grandparents, Neil and Mary (McKay) McCorvie, both of whom were natives of Scotland, became successful farming folk in Kent county, Ontario, Canada, and are now deceased. Their son was born in Kent county, Ontario, Canada, and is now a resident of Chatham, Ontario, where he is engaged in the retail grocery business. He has been active and prominent in local public affairs, having

served as mayor of Chatham and chairman of the school board. He is a conservative in his political views, is a Presbyterian in his religious faith and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed through the chairs. Margaret (McLaren) McCorvie was born in Kent county, Ontario, in 1862, the daughter of William and Mary McLaren, and died in Chatham, Ontario, on February 15, 1927.

John E. McCorvie graduated from the Chatham high school in 1909, and entered the University of Toronto, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1914. He served one year as interne in the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, and then offered his services for the World war. He was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps and was stationed at various camps in England and France, being attached to the Tenth Canadian Stationary Hospital. He was overseas from December, 1916, until February, 1919, and during that time was promoted to captain, with which rank he was honorably discharged from the service in May, 1919. He then became a fellow in the Mayo Foundation at the Mayo Clinic, in Rochester, Minnesota, where he remained from January, 1920, to October, 1923, when he came to Peoria, Illinois, and formed a professional partnership with Dr. Collins.

On January 11, 1927, in Peoria, Dr. McCorvie was united in marriage to Miss Ahna Wieting, who was born and reared in this city and is a daughter of Richard and Jennie (Brendle) Wieting, both of whom were born in Peoria, of German parentage, and are still living in this city. Mr. Wieting is a member of the jewelry firm of Welte & Wieting, Inc., the oldest jewelry firm in this city. Mrs. McCorvie graduated from the Peoria high school and attended the Bradley Polytechnic Institute three years. She is president of the Lambda Phi sorority of Bradley Institute and a member of the Peoria Garden Club, the Amateur Musical Club and the Peoria Players.

Dr. McCorvie, who took out his final naturalization papers in October, 1927, gives his political support to the republican party, while his religious membership is with the Second Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity, the University Club, the Illinois Valley Yacht and Canoe Club, the

Association of Commerce and is a past president of the Exchange Club. He maintains professional affiliation with the Peoria County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a man of pleasing address and kindly manner, who is popular in the social circles of Peoria, while in professional circles he commands the highest measure of respect for his high attainments in both medicine and surgery.

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### HENRY W. SMITH, M. D.

Dr. Henry W. Smith, who has been engaged in the general practice of medicine at Roodhouse, Greene county, for over a third of a century, has earned a coveted place in public esteem, not only for the high order of his professional service, but also for what he has done for his community along civic lines. He was born in Scottville, Macoupin county, Illinois, on the 23d of February, 1867, a son of Levi and Jane (Groves) Smith. His father was born in Cumberland county, Kentucky, where he was reared to the age of seventeen years, when he ran away from home and came to Illinois on horseback. He was a soldier of the Civil war, belonging to the One Hundred and Twenty-second Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Reniker, which command was engaged in construction work during the greater part of its service. Mr. Smith established an implement store, and was also a wagon and carriage maker. He studied law and was admitted to the bar, but did not practice his profession a great deal. He was an active republican in politics, a member of the central committee of his district, and attended many county, district and state conventions. He was an earnest member of the Christian Church, as was also his mother, who was baptized by Alexander Campbell, the founder of that denomination. Mr. Smith died at Scottville in 1896, at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife was born in Morgan county, Illinois, and was of German parentage, though her family moved to Illinois from Pennsylvania. She died in August, 1926, at the age of eighty-nine years. Levi Smith was prominent in Odd Fellow circles and was exceedingly well liked



throughout the range of his acquaintance. He became much involved financially in the promotion of a railroad from Litchfield to Roodhouse, through which he lost heavily. To him and his wife were born four children, three daughters and a son.

Henry W. Smith received his early education in the public schools and attended normal school, through which he worked his way, waiting on tables and distributing newspapers. At the age of seventeen years he began teaching school, serving three years in Oak Hill, Macoupin county, and two years at the Jackson school in Greene county. He then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Chicago, now the medical school of the University of Illinois, and during the last eighteen months of his course there served as house surgeon, which position gained for him free room and tuition, while he worked on the outside to pay for his food. Immediately after graduating he came to Roodhouse, where he has practiced continuously to the present time. From the beginning he made it a rule to respond to every call, regardless of weather conditions or the chances of financial remuneration, and he has always commanded an extensive practice throughout this section of the county. Since leaving college he has taken a number of post-graduate courses and has kept in close touch with the latest advances in the healing art, with the result that he has been uniformly successful in his professional labors.

Dr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Welch, who was born near Carlinville, Macoupin county, this state, and is a daughter of Alexander and Martha Ann (Ross) Welch, the former of whom was a veteran of the Civil war. Mrs. Smith worked her way through school in Carlinville and was a teacher prior to her marriage. Dr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of a daughter, Martha Ann, who is the wife of David E. Thompson, a veteran of the World war, in which he was in the aviation service. They live in Hollywood, California, and are the parents of a son, Smith.

Politically, Dr. Smith is a republican and has long been active in public affairs. He has served on the county central committee and has served as delegate to many county, district and state conventions of his party. He served as a member of the city

council, was mayor of the city, served as a member of the board of education, as city treasurer and in other official positions. At this time he is the representative of the eighty-eighth senatorial district in the Illinois general assembly, to which he was elected by an overwhelming majority. In that body he is a member of the committees on education, efficiency and economy, and roads and bridges, as well as the visiting committee for charitable institutions. He is a member of the Greene County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and has been surgeon for the Chicago & Alton Railroad for the past six years. He has read numerous papers at the medical society meetings, notably on obstetrics, malarial fever and typhoid fever. He is also an honorary life member of the Macoupin County Medical Society. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America, while his religious connection is with the Christian Church, in which he is chairman of the official board. He has at all times shown an unselfish interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of his community and rendered valuable service as a member of the water works board at the time the present water plant was installed, and has also been a member of the public library board from the time of its establishment. During the World war he was a member of the board of referees at Jacksonville, and he has always been a liberal supporter of the Red Cross Society. He is a man of broad views and well defined opinions and his influence and personal efforts have been exerted in favor of those things which make for the well-being of society.

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#### ASTORIA POST, NO. 25, AMERICAN LEGION

Astoria Post, No. 25, A. L., at Astoria, is one of the leading veterans' organizations of Fulton county and has long been a leading factor in the civic affairs of the community. It was organized on June 10, 1919, and its charter was granted on June 30, 1919. There are now about sixty members and the post meets regularly in the Community hall at Astoria, though it is planning to buy a home of its own. The members of Astoria Post have been

active in sponsoring amusements of different kinds in Astoria, such as plays, carnivals and homecomings, and they are well known because of their efforts to care for needy veterans and their families, the graves of deceased soldiers also being carefully looked after.

Astoria Post has been served by the following commanders: Dr. O. L. Campbell, who organized the post, was its commander in 1920; Dr. E. M. Price, 1921; John Walker, 1922; Dr. O. L. Campbell, 1923; Harvey B. Clannin, 1924, 1925; Frank Gain, 1926; Russell Horton and G. Clarke, 1927; Z. D. Foster, 1928; Clare Bader, 1929; Jay Grissom, 1930, and Benjamin M. Thompson, 1931. The present commander possesses fine executive ability and under his guidance the post is enjoying prosperity and doing some of its best work.

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### ELMER E. WILLIAMS

Elmer E. Williams has for many years been closely and actively identified with the banking interests of the lower Illinois River Valley, being vice president of the Bank of Calhoun County, at Hardin, and president of the banks at Richwood, Batchtown and Brussels. He was born at Carrollton, Illinois, July 18, 1861, and is a son of George L. and S. Anna (Bragg) Williams, the former a native of Carrollton and the latter of Illinois. The paternal grandfather, James Williams, was a native of Wales and came to this country in young manhood. He was a millwright by trade and was a veteran of the Black Hawk war. George L. Williams was actively engaged in mercantile affairs over a long period of years, having a store in Carrollton for twenty-two years, and was postmaster at that place for twelve years. He retired from active business in 1894 and died at Salida, Colorado, in 1909. A veteran of the Civil war, he served with the Ninety-first Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry. The mother, who died in 1908 at Alva, Oklahoma, was a descendant of Daniel Boone, her family having lived in Kentucky before settling in Illinois. Her father, Dr. Henry J. Bragg, who was a native of New York state, was active in political affairs and





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served several terms in the Illinois state legislature. Mr. and Mrs. Williams had five children, Lilly, Elmer E., Harry, Addie and Mabel, all of whom are deceased except Elmer E.

Elmer E. Williams attended the public schools of Carrollton. On May 1, 1880, he entered the Greene County National Bank, at Carrollton, with which institution he remained two years. In 1882 he went to Saquach, Colorado, where he served for a time as assistant cashier of a bank, later going to Salida as assistant cashier and teller of the Chaffee County Bank. In 1890 he went to Galveston, Texas, for the benefit of his health, remaining there two years, and then located in Denver, Colorado. He was there engaged in the brokerage business until the summer of 1893, when he returned to Carrollton, Illinois, and resumed his place in the Greene County National Bank. In 1899 the Bank of Calhoun County, at Hardin, was organized by D. D. Pierson, F. A. Whiteside and Stuart E. Pierson, it being the first bank in Calhoun county. Mr. Williams became the cashier of the new bank, holding that position until 1921, when he became vice president and is still filling that position. This institution has had a very creditable record and has been one of the most important conservators of the commercial prosperity of this locality. It now has branch banks at Kampsville, Batchtown and Brussels, all of which are under Mr. Williams' supervision. They were all private banks until 1920, when they were converted into state banks.

Mr. Williams was married in 1890, at Denver, Colorado, to Miss Myra Hays, who died in 1907. In October, 1910, Mr. Williams was married to Miss Mary E. Barry, of Hardin, Illinois, a daughter of Dr. P. C. Barry, an able and popular physician, who was a native of Ireland and a graduate of Louvain University, Belgium. He and his wife are deceased. By a former marriage Mrs. Williams is the mother of a daughter, Lenora, the wife of G. O. Lassaner. In his political attitude Mr. Williams is nominally a democrat, but is inclined to be independent, voting invariably according to the dictates of his judgment, and he has many loyal friends in both parties. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, being a past master of his lodge, and has taken the degrees of both York and Scottish Rites. He is a member of the Hardin Chamber of Commerce of which he is president,



and the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce. During the World war he was one of the most active and effective workers in support of the government war measures. He took an active part in the various Liberty Loan drives and was chairman of the fuel and food commission, as well as vice director of the Red Cross work. He did very effective work among the Germans of Calhoun and adjoining counties, from whom he secured the full quota of subscriptions. He has in his possession a letter from E. E. Crabtree, chairman of the eighth federal reserve district, praising him for his effective work. He belongs to the Illinois State Bankers Association and the American Bankers Association. Because of his successful and creditable record as a banker, the high type of citizenship which he has exemplified and his estimable personal qualities, he is regarded as one of Calhoun county's representative men.

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### CHARLES F. SPURR

Charles F. Spurr, who is doing very splendid work in Macomb as scout executive of the Illini Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, received exceptionally thorough training for this important field of labor and since coming to Macomb has not only stimulated a decided interest in the Scout work, but has in other ways contributed to the moral and civic welfare of the community. He was born in Chicago on the 19th of August, 1903, and is a son of Charles J. and Edith B. (Russell) Spurr, of that city. His paternal grandfather, Charles Joseph Spurr, was a native of England, and went with the English Army to Canada during the Civil war period in the United States. On the completion of his term of service, he did not return to England, but located in Chicago, where he engaged in the bottle business. He was married in Chicago and became the father of Charles J. Spurr, who was born in that city in 1879. The latter is a blacksmith and machinist. He was educated in the Chicago schools spending two years in high school. He gives his political support to the republican party, is a member of the Congregational Church, and belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons and the Sons of St. George.

In Chicago he was married to Edith B. Russell, who was born August 19, 1881, in Saginaw, Michigan, and is a daughter of Frank and Bessie Russell. Her father was formerly engaged in the grocery business in Saginaw, but later moved to Chicago. Mrs. Spurr attended the public schools, graduating from high school in Chicago.

Charles F. Spurr attended the public schools of Oak Park and Chicago, studying one year in the Oak Park high school. He attended the Metropolitan Business College, from the general commercial course of which he was graduated. Later he attended Crane Technical College and had two years in Bryant & Stratton Business College, studying court reporting and secretarial work. These latter courses were pursued at night school, as he was regularly employed during the daytime. He entered the McCormick works as an office boy, was promoted later to stationery and mail clerk, and then became a typist in the cost department, but resigned that position to become a stenographer for the Chicago By-Products Coke Company, acting as secretary to the chief chemist. Later he worked as a stenographer in the signal engineer department of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, and the express and mail traffic departments of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroads. Some years ago Mr. Spurr took up Boy Scout work, first as assistant scout executive at Oak Park for three years, after which he decided to prepare himself for that special line of work. He is a graduate of the National Training School for Scout Executives in New York city and possesses six training school certificates for special work taken at various times. He served for one and a half years as scout executive of the Berrien-Cass area, with headquarters at Benton Harbor, Michigan, and then came to Macomb, where he has been very successful as the executive head of the Scouts in this area.

On September 1, 1926, Mr. Spurr was united in marriage to Miss Helen Wortman, of Oak Park, Illinois, who was born in Shelbyville, Illinois November 23, 1901, and received a good education. She graduated from the Shelbyville high school and the State Normal School at Bloomington, Illinois. For two years she taught school at Moweaqua, Illinois. Later she graduated from the Baptist Missionary Training School as a church secretary,

and served as assistant church secretary at Oak Park. She belongs to the Baptist Church and its societies, and to the Macomb Mother's Study Club. She supports the republican party, is active in civic affairs and is very popular socially. She is a lover of outdoor life and her particular hobby is hiking. Mr. and Mrs. Spurr are the parents of a son, Charles Wayne, born at Benton Harbor, Michigan, September 1, 1928. A lover of boys and of nature, Mr. Spurr is well adapted to Boy Scout work, a large part of which is out of doors, and he has wielded an immeasurable influence in the direction of the proper development of boy life in this community.

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### PAUL M. ZIGRANG

Among the men who through their connection with financial institutions have been closely identified with the prosperity of Calhoun county, specific mention should be made of Paul M. Zigrang, who for many years has served as the cashier of the Bank of Brussels. He was born at Batchtown, Illinois, February 27, 1885, and is a son of Dominik and Theresa (Weishaupt) Zigrang, the latter born in St. Louis, Missouri. The father was a native of Luxemburg, and in young manhood came to the United States with his brother John, settling in Calhoun county, Illinois. In 1862 he enlisted in an Illinois volunteer infantry regiment and served for three years, or until the close of the war. He was under General John A. Logan at the battles of Shiloh, Pea Ridge, Fort Donelson and other engagements, giving loyal and effective service to his adopted country. He afterward engaged in farming in Calhoun county, which occupation he followed until his death, in 1905. He was an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic and supported the republican party. His wife died in 1913. To them were born ten children, as follows: John, who died in infancy; William, Mary and Annie, who are deceased; John; Dominik, Jr.; Theresa, deceased; Albert; Paul M.; and Charlie.

Paul M. Zigrang attended the public schools of Batchtown, after which he took a commercial course in the Gem City Business



College, at Quincy, Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1908. During the year 1906 he was a teacher in the Illinois Business College at Bushnell. In 1908 the Bank of Brussels was organized as a private bank, and in 1921 became a state bank. P. M. Zigrang was cashier of the private bank and has remained cashier of the institution to the present time. This bank has had a splendid record and has been one of the bulwarks of the prosperity of this section of the state, enjoying a steady and healthy growth.

On June 29, 1910, Mr. Zigrang was united in marriage to Miss Theresa Pohlman, of Brussels, a daughter of William and Mary (Kary) Pohlman, the former a successful farmer of this county. To him and his wife were born seven children, Mary, John, Herman, Catherine, Theresa, Henry and Bernard, of whom Herman is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Zigrang are the parents of four children: Vincent, born in 1914, Ralph, in 1918, Jerome, in 1926, and Ethel Mae, in 1928. Mr. Zigrang is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Western Catholic Union and his religious membership is with the Roman Catholic Church. He belongs to the Illinois Bankers Association and the American Bankers Association. He took an active part in the various local war measures and was chairman of the Liberty Loan drives at Brussels. He is very public-spirited and is recognized as one of the most useful men of his community.

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### BENJAMIN M. THOMPSON

The town of Astoria, as well as a considerable portion of Fulton county, is supplied with high grade bakery products by Benjamin M. Thompson, who is the owner of a modern and well equipped bakery at Astoria and who has developed an extensive and prosperous business. He was born at Pawnee, Illinois, on the 26th of August, 1892, and is a son of M. J. and Bethany E. (Ogden) Thompson. The father was born at Pawnee on May 16, 1853, and during practically all of his mature life followed agricultural pursuits in that neighborhood. On May 6, 1876, he married Miss Bethany E. Ogden, who was born at Pawnee on January 22, 1854. Mr. Thompson's death occurred on July 13,

1908, and his remains lie in the cemetery at Zion Center, near Pawnee.

Benjamin M. Thompson attended the grade and high schools of Pawnee and his first regular employment was in a bakery in that place, which position he was holding when, on September 19, 1917, he enlisted in the United States Army for World war service. He went into training at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky, but was soon afterward transferred to West Point, Kentucky, where he became a baker for the Three Hundred and Twenty-seventh Field Artillery, of the Eighty-fourth Division. He sailed from the United States on September 8, 1918, was sent through England by the way of Winchester and Southampton, and landed at Havre, France. He served there until after the Armistice, when he was returned to the United States, and was honorably discharged at Camp Grant on February 19, 1919. He then engaged in the bakery business at Pawnee, where he remained until April 7, 1920, when he came to Astoria, since which time Thompson's Bakery has been one of the best known commercial institutions of this city. He is the sole owner of the business, in which he employs five persons. His shop is equipped with modern machinery, the very highest sanitary measures are followed, and the superior quality of Thompson's products has won for them a well deserved popularity throughout this district.

On May 29, 1919, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Elizabeth Jones, a daughter of Edward C. and Chloe (Smith) Jones, of Pawnee. Her father was born in Kentucky on June 11, 1870, and is engaged in farming near Pawnee, and the mother was born in Wayne county, Illinois, on May 8, 1876. Mrs. Thompson has a brother, James E. Jones, born on December 16, 1905, who is employed in Mr. Thompson's bakery. Mrs. Thompson was born on July 19, 1898, and was educated in the grade and high schools of Pawnee. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star and the American Legion Auxiliary, being secretary of the latter. She is a good business woman and looks after the retail department of her husband's bakery. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are the parents of a son, Edward Jones Thompson, born on November 11, 1924.

Mr. Thompson is a member of the American Legion and the

Forty and Eight and is greatly interested in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the ex-soldiers. He is a member and trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Community Club of Astoria, being actively identified with civic affairs. He is affiliated with the Associated Bakers of Illinois and is justifiably proud of the splendid business which he has built up at Astoria. He is devoting his attention closely to his bakery, in the management of which he has shown excellent judgment, and is numbered among the leading business men of this city. Mr. Thompson has served as a member of the town board of Astoria, holding that position during the period of the building of the new water works plant, and has maintained a keen interest in everything which relates to the prosperity and progress of the community.

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### EUREKA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Eureka Public Library was established through the efforts of the Eureka Women's Club. The original library committee was composed of Mrs. Ida Morrow, chairman, Mrs. Ivy Dyar and Mrs. Linnie Tomb. The library is now housed in a large building just off the public square and contains seventeen hundred volumes, including historical, fiction, religious, scientific, literary, juvenile and reference works. The present library committee is as follows: Mrs. Ida Morrow, chairman; Mrs. Ivy Dyar, vice chairman; Miss Nora Radford, head librarian; Mrs. Viola Blumenschein, librarian; Mrs. B. C. Moore, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Bertha Ridgley, chairman program committee; Mrs. Anna Jackson, chairman book committee; Miss Hannah Morrow, catalogued books; Mrs. Linnie Tomb, Mrs. Ruth Mayn and Mrs. Sidney Dickinson. The library subscribes for about twenty magazines and is continually adding new books and such furniture as is needed. The library is well arranged and renders an inestimable service to the community. Mrs. Blumenschein, who has been active in the founding and maintenance of the library, is president of the Women's Club and is active in the civic affairs of Eureka, and she, as well as Mrs. Morrow and the other



officers of the library, donate their time and services in behalf of the institution. In this splendid work the Women's Club has had the hearty cooperation of the people of the community and they all feel justifiably proud of this worthy institution.

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### WALTER G. CUNNINGHAM

Prominent in the professional ranks of Tazewell county, Walter G. Cunningham has been engaged in the practice of law in Pekin for the past fifteen years and has been uniformly successful in protecting the interests of his clients. Born in Tazewell county, September 5, 1893, he is a son of George W. and Ella (Shay) Cunningham, the former born in Corydon, Indiana, and the latter in Springfield, Illinois. The paternal grandfather, John Cunningham, was a native of Scotland, whence he came to the United States in an early day and located in Indiana. George W. Cunningham, who was of English and Scotch descent, was graduated from Valparaiso University, at Valparaiso, Indiana, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In 1888 he came to Pekin, Illinois, and here practiced to the time of his death. He was a strong democrat in his political views and was active in local public affairs. He served two terms as city attorney of Pekin and one term in the state senate. He was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Tazewell Club. His genial manner won him a myriad of loyal friends and he was deservedly popular. He was a great lover of good literature and was fond of athletics and other outdoor sports. He is survived by his widow, who is an earnest member of the Congregational Church, and who lives with her son Walter G. Their other children are: Eugene, who was born August 10, 1887, and is engaged in the practice of law in Phoenix, Arizona; and Anna, who was born in 1890 and still lives in Pekin.

Walter G. Cunningham attended the public schools of Pekin and graduated from high school in 1912. He entered Illinois Wesleyan University, at Bloomington, which he attended for three years, and in October, 1915, took the Illinois state bar exam-

nation and was admitted to practice. He at once entered upon his professional career in Pekin and in general civil practice has achieved a worthy success. He has prospered in his individual affairs and is the owner of some valuable farm lands, besides his home in Pekin.

Mr. Cunningham is a democrat in his political views and maintains a keen interest in local public affairs. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the American Legion, and in the last named organization has held various offices. He belongs to the Christian Church, to which he gives liberal support. Mr. Cunningham is a veteran of the World war, having enlisted August 1, 1918. He was assigned to the chemical warfare division, in which capacity he was in the camps at Lakehurst, New Jersey, Akron, Ohio, and Syracuse, New York, and was honorably discharged at Camp Grant, January 1, 1919. He has traveled much in the United States, Canada and Mexico, and is fond of fishing, hunting and athletic sports. An able and successful lawyer, loyal and public-spirited citizen and genial and dependable friend and neighbor, he is deservedly held in high esteem wherever known.

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### WALTER B. TIETSORT

Among the able and successful newspaper men of the Illinois River Valley, one of the best known is Walter B. TietSORT, who is associated with Charles B. Pinkerton in the publication of The Jersey County News, at Jerseyville. He was born at Medora, Macoupin county, Illinois, and is a son of Charles W. and Cornelia Frances (Bowman) TietSORT. His father was born in Cassopolis, Michigan, and received a public school education. He was an inveterate reader, a constant student, and a Spanish scholar, who acquired a large fund of wide and exact information. Early in life he lost the sight of one eye, which barred him from enlisting for the Civil war. He came to Illinois in 1856 and located near Fidelity, Jersey county, where he clerked in a general store. In 1868 he moved to Jerseyville to become assistant cashier of the Bowman-Ware Bank, and in 1875 he became the city clerk of

Jerseyville. In 1877 he went to Medora as assistant cashier of the Bank of Medora, later being cashier of that institution, in which capacity he served until 1898. In 1895, in order to further the interests of Medora, he founded the first permanent newspaper in that town, and remained identified with journalism until within five years of his death. He was a member of the Illinois Press Association and the National Editorial Association. He was a democrat in his political views, though for a number of years he espoused the cause of prohibition. He was prominent in Masonic circles, having served four successive years as Master of the Medora Lodge and afterwards for many years as Secretary. He was a member of that order for sixty-five years, and was also long a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which order he passed through the chairs, and he was the first Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Medora. His religious membership was with the Presbyterian Church at Summerville, near Medora. Though he lived to a ripe old age, he was always young in spirit and maintained a vigorous outlook on life. Mr. Tietzort was married twice, first to Miss Emily Jane Whitfield, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson T. Whitfield, early settlers in Jersey county. To this union was born a son, Charles H., of Albuquerque, New Mexico. The mother died in 1865, and in 1867 Mr. Tietzort married Miss Cornelia Frances Bowman, whose father, C. H. Bowman, was a very early settler in Jerseyville. To this union was born one son, Walter B., the immediate subject of this review. The father died on June 3, 1926, at the age of eighty-eight years, and the mother on August 10, 1926, aged eighty-one years.

Walter B. Tietzort received his education in the public schools of Medora and at Blackburn College, in Carlinville. In 1897 fire destroyed his father's newspaper plant and Mr. Tietzort went home to take charge of the reestablishment of the publication. Other equipment was promptly secured and the paper appeared as usual on publication day. In 1902 Mr. Tietzort worked on the St. Louis Chronicle and in the following year was employed on the Carthage (Mo.) Democrat. He then returned to the Medora Messenger and continued its publication until 1926, when the paper was discontinued and its subscription list taken over by the



Jerseyville Republican, in which Mr. Tietsort secured a half interest in April, 1924. The name of the Jerseyville Republican was later changed to The Jersey County News and its size increased from six to seven columns to the page. Previous to Mr. Tietsort's coming into the business, the paper had been published by Charles P. Pinkerton and his father, Frank E. Pinkerton. This is one of the live newspapers of the southern Illinois River Valley, being edited in an able and interesting manner, while its typographical appearance will compare favorably with its contemporaries.

Mr. Tietsort was united in marriage to Miss Velma E. Lane, a daughter of Dr. J. Lane, of Medora. She graduated from Blackburn College in 1897 and taught in the rural schools prior to her marriage. To Mr. and Mrs. Tietsort have been born two daughters, Dorothea Lane and Eleanor Frances, the former of whom was connected with the Jerseyville News and is now in East St. Louis, while the latter is a teacher in Madison county, Illinois. Mr. Tietsort has shown an active interest in public affairs. He has served as president of Jerseyville, was a member of the city council for a number of years, and president of the Chamber of Commerce in 1926. He is a past president of the Southern Illinois Press Association, of which he is still a member, and the National Editorial Association. During the years of his newspaper experience he has consistently supported the best interests of the people, boosting his city and county, and is regarded as one of Jersey county's most valuable men.

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### JUDGE JAMES MARTIN BARNES

James M. Barnes, who is rendering able and commendable service as judge of the Morgan county court, is well known throughout this section of the state and is the scion of one of Morgan county's honored old families. His paternal grandfather, William Barnes, graduated from Yale College in 1835, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and in 1838 received the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He entered the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, in which he held a number of leading pastorates in Salem

and Boston, Massachusetts, and about 1850 he came to Illinois, where he spent his remaining years. His son, Charles A., father of Judge Barnes, was born in this state, received an A. B. degree from Illinois College and graduated from Michigan University as a Bachelor of Laws. He rose to prominence in that profession in Morgan county and served two terms as state's attorney and two terms as judge of the county court. He also became supreme chancellor commander of the world of the Knights of Pythias. He married Miss Madge Martin, a native of Missouri, and among their children is James M., who was born in Jacksonville, on the 9th of January, 1899.

Judge Barnes received his early education in the public schools, after which he attended Worcester Academy, in Massachusetts, and Whipple Academy, at Jacksonville. He finished his classical education in Illinois College, winning the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and entered the law school of Harvard University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1924. His studies were interrupted by his enlistment in the United States Marines, with which he went overseas in September, 1918, and spent a year in France. He returned the last of August, 1919, and was honorably discharged at Norfolk, Virginia. On completing his law course he returned to Jacksonville and entered upon the active practice of his profession, in which he gained prompt recognition, soon being in command of a gratifying practice. In 1926 he was elected county judge and is still serving in that capacity. His judicial record has been marked by his able and clear discussions of the law, his logical deductions and high sense of fairness. The Judge has been successful in his material affairs and is secretary of the Jacksonville & Havana Railroad Company, and a director of the Ideal Baking Company and the Illinois Corporation.

On September 17, 1927, Judge Barnes was united in marriage to Miss Martha Freed, a daughter of Dr. A. C. Freed, of Nashville, Tennessee, who is vice president of David Lipscomb College, a trustee of the Presbyterian Church and a democrat in politics. Judge Barnes is a member of the Illinois County and State Probate Judges Association, of which he was secretary and treasurer in 1927-28, and is now president. He is affiliated also

with the Morgan County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias; the American Legion; the Forty and Eight; the Kiwanis Club, of which he is a director; the Jacksonville Country Club; the Phi Alpha literary fraternity; the Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a director; and the Young Men's Christian Association, of which he is secretary of the board of directors.

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### FARMINGTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

The town of Farmington, Fulton county, is justifiably proud of its community high school, which ranks among the best schools in its class in the Illinois River Valley. As a matter of fact, this community has for many years been noted for its deep interest in educational matters and the present splendid school plant is an eloquent testimonial to the people's loyalty to high educational ideals. The building occupied by the community high school is constructed of brick and was erected in 1925. It contains thirteen classrooms, two laboratories and a gymnasium and auditorium combined. The classroom floors are constructed of wood and the hall floors are of terrazzo. The present enrollment is about three hundred and the record of this school shows that about forty per cent of its pupils enter advanced educational institutions after completing the high school course. The school has its own steam heating plant and is supplied with city water. The school never lacks for equipment and in every way is maintained at the highest standard of excellence. The present school board is as follows: James Negley, farmer, chairman; Ambrose Dykeman, retired farmer, secretary; Tunis Kyes, clerk; and William Cline, and Bruce Steck. The school's laboratories, science rooms and library are supplied with everything needed for the proper conduct of the various departments, and the building is steam heated and supplied with city water. Proper attention is given to athletics and the school maintains baseball, football, basketball and track teams, which have always given good account of themselves. The school owns an eleven-acre tract of land, on which the athletic field is



located. The very capable and efficient superintendent of the school is Arvel G. Caldwell, a sketch of whom appears on other pages of this work.

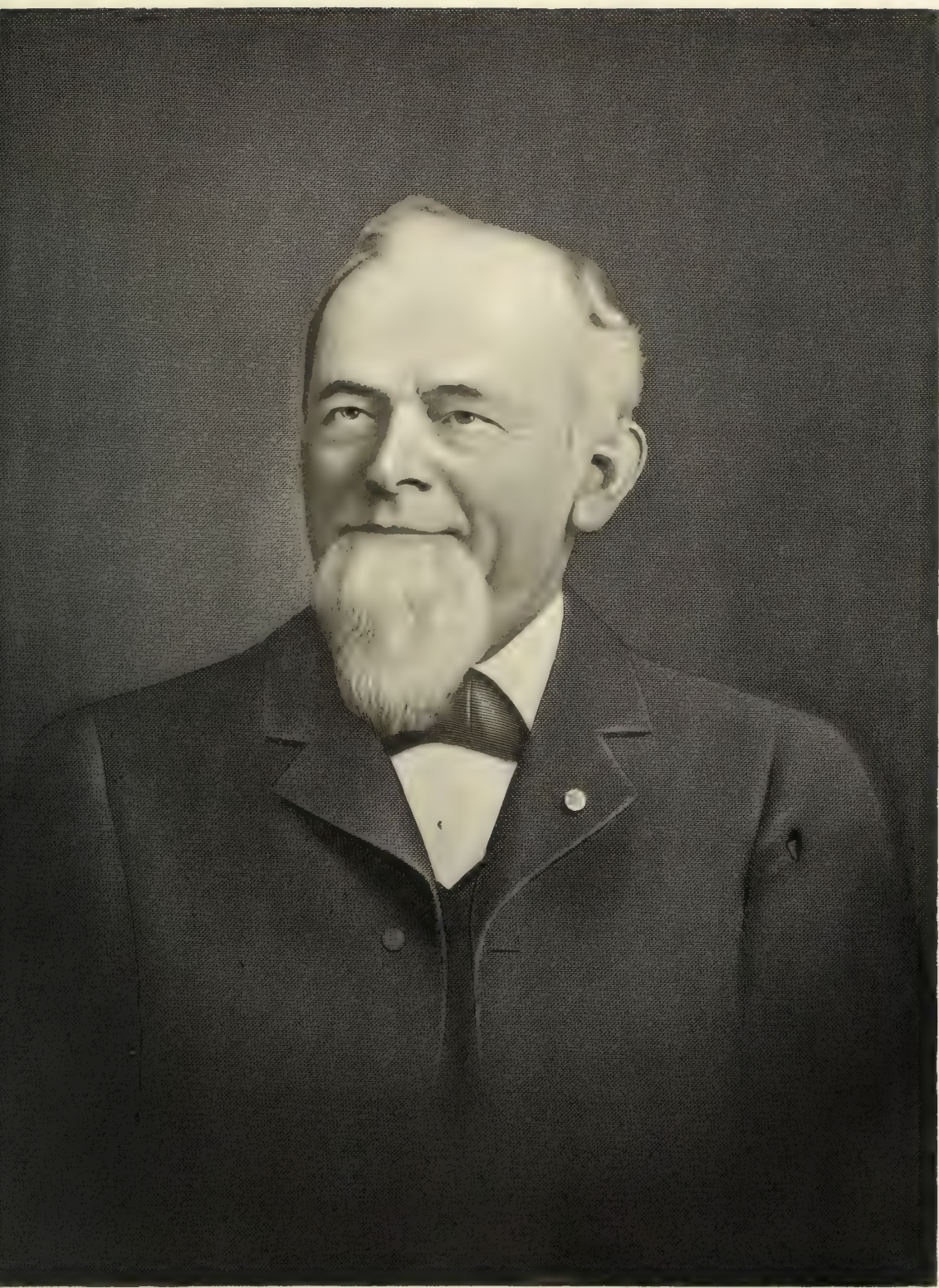
The Farmington community high school is accredited by the state department of public instruction as a regularly recognized four-year high school. The University of Illinois also inspects the school biennially and accredits those courses that meet the entrance requirements of that institution. The courses of this school embrace the following subjects: Public speaking, open only to seniors; French, Latin, ancient history, modern history, American history, economics, civics, algebra, geometry, science (including physics and chemistry), community civics, commercial law, commercial geography, bookkeeping, stenography, typewriting, home economics, agriculture and music. In the latter department there are maintained a glee club, a chorus, a band and an orchestra. This school has for its definite aim the development of efficient and worthy citizens, the trend of the work being toward the following seven objectives: First, a sound body as essential to good citizenship; second, an efficient citizen must know how to read, write and calculate; third, a good citizen is a worthy home member; fourth, a good citizen must know how to make a living; fifth, a good citizen understands his duties to his neighborhood, city, state and nation, and the world at large; sixth, recreation of body, mind and spirit as essential to good citizenship; and, seventh, a worthy citizen leads a moral life.

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### CAPTAIN HENRY DETWEILLER

The year 1837 witnessed the arrival of Captain Henry Detweiller in Peoria, then a comparatively small town on the western frontier. It was before the era of railroad building. Many thousands of acres of Illinois' rich land were as yet unclaimed and undeveloped and only here and there had the seeds of civilization been planted by the hardy settlers who were willing to endure hardships and privations in order to secure homes for their families. At the time of his arrival here Captain Detweiller was a lad of but twelve years and for more than six and





Henry Detweiler





a half decades he continued his residence here, making for himself a most creditable position in business circles as a pilot and captain on the river and later as an ice dealer, but more than that making for himself a place in the hearts of his fellow townsmen because of his kindly, genial nature and sterling worth—qualities which caused it to be said of him that he had not a single enemy in all Peoria.

Captain Detweiller was born in Lorraine, France, June 19, 1825, a son of Christian and Catherine (Shertz) Detweiller, who were also natives of France. The father accumulated a large fortune in that country through his operations as a farmer, miller and in connection with the transportation business, and in the course of time he acquired three large estates, situated in different parts of the province, at which he lavishly entertained the gentry and nobility for weeks at a time, according to the custom of that day. During the war of 1812-13, however, he met with great reverses and he passed away a poor man in 1832.

In 1837 the widowed mother, with her son Henry and three daughters, crossed the Atlantic, reaching New York after a voyage of sixty-eight days. They proceeded westward to join John Detweiller, another son, who had located in Peoria in 1833. Forty-two days elapsed from the time they left New York until they reached their destination, the journey being made by way of Rochester, thence by canal to Buffalo, by way of the Great Lakes to Cleveland and by canal to Cincinnati, where they took passage on a boat that proceeded down the Ohio river to the Mississippi and from the latter stream up the Illinois river to Peoria. During the following year the mother and one sister passed away.

John Detweiller was the proprietor of the St. Croix tavern on Water street, then the principal thoroughfare in the little village of twelve hundred population. Captain Detweiller began clerking for his brother and also attended school as opportunity offered. Subsequently he was employed as a clerk in the shoe store of Charles W. McClellan and later earned a monthly wage of six dollars in the employ of Samuel Voris & Company. The river constituted Peoria's means of communication with the out-

side world. Merchandise was conveyed into the city by means of the river craft and the products of the surrounding country were taken to the outside markets in the same way. Henry Detweiller became keenly interested in the question of transportation and determined to become a pilot on the river. Accordingly he entered the employ of John Frink, of the firm of Frink & Walker, early day mail and stage contractors, who gave him a position on the steamer *Frontier*, a mail and passenger packet running between Peoria and Peru. Through Mr. Frink's influence Mr. Detweiller was instructed by the captain in the manner of operating the boats and applied himself so closely to the work that he was soon appointed second pilot. He was upon the *Frontier* when it was sunk by the steamer *Panama* in the early morning of September 2, 1842, at the "Towhead" above The Narrows. The *Frontier* had just left the village of Little Detroit, then situated on the eastern shore of the river but which has since entirely disappeared. By running the boat ashore at the "Towhead," the lives of its forty or fifty passengers were saved but the boat was a total loss. The company then built a new steamer, the *Chicago*, and Captain Detweiller became second pilot under his old instructor, remaining with that vessel until it ceased operating on the river in the spring of 1844. He was afterward second pilot on other boats for a year and in 1847 was given command of the *Governor Briggs*, engaged in the St. Louis and Alton trade, and which owing to the war with Mexico was then carrying many troops and much equipment from Alton to Jefferson Barracks. In the succeeding two years he acted as first pilot on different boats, and it was in 1849 that the great cholera epidemic occurred, causing people to leave St. Louis by boat in great numbers. One night, while taking the steamer *Danube* to St. Louis, Captain Detweiller was suddenly stricken with the cholera and had just time to ring the stopping bells before he sank to the floor of the pilot house. Fortunately another pilot was on board and took charge of the boat. Captain Detweiller was removed to Peoria and for nine months thereafter was unable to resume his duties.

During the period between 1850 and 1860 the river business

was very large and Captain Detweiller served as pilot or commanded boats on the Illinois and Mississippi rivers. In 1856 he became part owner of the steamer *Movastar* and in 1857 became sole owner of the steamer *Minnesota*. During this period Abraham Lincoln was frequently a passenger on his boats and he came to know him well. Then followed the Civil war period and Captain Detweiller offered his services to the government in 1862, being sworn in at St. Louis. He was assigned to the command of the United States steamer *Jenny Lind* and ordered to Cairo to await the arrival of the fleet with General Pope's troops from Island No. 10. The *Jenny Lind* was detailed as a dispatch boat to the flagship, accompanying the fleet up the Tennessee river to Pittsburgh Landing, and subsequently Captain Detweiller was with the fleet at Memphis. In 1863 he was transferred to the United States steamer *Yankee*, which he commanded until the close of the war. His service was of a most important and often hazardous character in connection with the government transports. It took great ingenuity on his part to evade the enemy and often his boat was disguised as a gunboat. Though frequently fired upon, the *Yankee* was never seriously disabled and its last important service was to take a cargo of horses, mules and stores, valued at two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, from St. Louis to New Orleans. (The present-day value of this cargo would be over a million dollars.) When the Civil war had ended Captain Detweiller took command of the steamer *Beaver* and so continued until 1874. He was a prominent character of a most picturesque era—that of the old river steamers which meant so much to the settlers of the west. He made friends wherever his boat touched. His innate courtesy and his geniality gained him the warm regard of all and few men connected with river transportation in Illinois have had so wide and favorable an acquaintance. He abandoned the river in order to concentrate his attention upon the ice business, in which he had become interested in 1870 in partnership with N. L. Woodruff. With the dissolution of the partnership in December, 1876, Captain Detweiller assumed full charge, conducting the business under his own name for a time and later as the Detweiller Ice Company.



A most happy home life was that of Captain Detweiller, who on November 5, 1848, was married to Magdalena Bachman at the home of his sister in Woodford county, Illinois. She, too, was a native of France and they became the parents of seven children, three of whom are yet living: Thomas H., Amelia M. and Matilda E. The son, as president and manager of the Detweiller Ice Company since 1903, has directed a constantly growing business and, like his father, has high place in the commercial circles of the city. Mrs. Detweiller was active in charitable work and was connected with the Women's Christian Home Mission and the Women's Relief Corps. A devoted wife and mother, her loss was keenly felt by her many friends but most of all by her husband and children when she passed away December 10, 1888. The Captain survived until April 2, 1903.

Fraternally he was a charter member of Bryner Post, No. 67, G. A. R. and was affiliated with the Odd Fellows and the Universalist Church, and he was also a member of the Creve Coeur Club. His fellow townsmen, appreciative of his genuine worth and ability, called him six times to the office of city treasurer. He cast his first presidential vote for General Taylor in 1848 and with the organization of the republican party became one of its staunch advocates. For thirteen years he was president of the Old Settlers' Association of Peoria, in which city he made his home for sixty-six years. He took keen delight in Peoria's growth and advancement and contributed to its progress and upbuilding in many ways. He was a man of decided character and strong convictions but willing that other men should enjoy the same right and freedom of thought and action which he claimed for himself. His estimate of life and its opportunities was sane and logical. He used his time and talents wisely and well and he built for success in business and for character development in his daily living. An upright life brought him respect and honor from his fellowmen and warm and affectionate regard from those who came within the closer circle of his friendship. It is a matter of keen delight to all who knew Captain Detweiller that there has recently been established a beautiful park as a memorial to him. This was done through the generosity of his son, who purchased the Payson farm of some six hundred and fifty acres on the Galena

road and presented it to the city in honor of and as a memorial to his father. The bronze memorial tablet within the park bears the inscription:

This Memorial erected in memory of Captain Henry Detweiller, a Pioneer Peorian and an early day Pilot and Captain, a Veteran of the Civil War, and a former Treasurer of the City of Peoria.

Also to honor the memory of the fearless whole-souled loyal Co-workers of the good old Palmy Days of Steamboating, when the river was rich in romance and glory.

It is our duty not only to respect but to cherish and honor the memory of these pioneer steamboat men.

Their like will never be seen again.

They overcame dangers incident in the life of early boating which we do not now have.

All of whom have made their final trip and have been wafted to the further shore into a haven of rest on the shores of the Beautiful River that ferries but one way.

This Park is the gift of his son,

Thomas H. Detweiller.

The park is a place of great natural beauty, of wooded ridges and grassy dells, of broad fields and of stately old trees, and a rare and priceless thing in the Detweiller Park is the old mansion which looks down a tree-lined avenue toward the river. It was once the home of Zealy Moss, a Revolutionary war soldier, was later occupied by the Littletons and became the scene of many notable social functions when the property of the Payson family. It was visited by the grandparents and the great-grandparents of many of Peoria's present-day citizens. A contemporary writer has said of it: "As a beautiful piece of architecture this old Payson house has become famous. Its beautiful columns, its rare old doorway, its exquisite interior woodwork, and its cozy old-time fireplace have attracted nationally known architects who

have come here to study and to photograph these features." Professor Earl H. Reed, Jr., of Chicago, head of the department of architecture at Armour Institute of Technology, said: "While visiting your city I went out to the house. It is unfortunately not generally well recognized that the homes built in the '40s and '50s, such as the Payson farm house, constitute a record of a very beautiful and interesting architectural style. In general these places are of a high average type of beauty greatly beyond today's production. They were done by fine carpenter craftsmen working often under the direction of prosperous early settlers at a time when Greek and Roman examples were in vogue." Thus the son with notable public spirit paid honor to the father, Captain Detweiller, whose name is so inseparably linked with the early history of the state as well as with the period of later development, even down to the present century. Twenty-seven years have come and gone since he passed away, but many of Peoria's citizens well remember him and retain a vivid picture of a stalwart figure commanding his boat through the tortuous, winding channels of the rivers, or as he was in his later years—a dignified, gray-haired man, rich in life experiences and with a kindly feeling to all of his fellowmen.

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### THOMAS H. DETWEILLER

Thomas H. Detweiller, one of Peoria's outstanding citizens, is a native son of the city, successfully engaged in business as president and general manager of the Detweiller Ice Company at 1724 North Adams street. He has been the executive head of this enterprise since 1903, when he became the successor of his deceased father, Captain Henry Detweiller, who had been active in the ice business since 1870. He is one of the three surviving children of Captain Henry and Magdalena (Bachman) Detweiller, the former being mentioned at length in another part of this work.

In the acquirement of an education Thomas H. Detweiller attended the public schools and also pursued a course of study in Brown's Business College of Peoria. The ice business then claimed his attention and throughout the intervening years to the



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of this city has deeded without compensation, to the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, a large tract of valuable land to be named in memory of his father Captain Henry Detweiler who was one of the pioneers of this vicinity and of the old school of Illinois River boatmen

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such a gift to the people of this community is a needed and necessary one, not only helping to perfect our Park System but demonstrating the high public spirited citizenship of the donor, as well as his love and respect for, and in grateful memory of his father.

## and Whereas,

the people, in common, feel very grateful to him for his generosity and desire in some suitable manner to show their appreciation; therefore

## Be it Resolved,

that in Convention assembled the delegates thereto representing all the people of the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, extend their sincere thanks to Thomas H. Detweiler for his munificent gift and express to him their very best wishes for his continued happiness and success; and be it further

## Resolved

that a copy of this resolution be properly engrossed and forwarded to Thomas H. Detweiler as a further testimonial of the good will of the grateful citizens of the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria.

*David H. McEngage*  
*Chas. A. Lewis*  
*E. H. Woodruff*

Committee

*Henry W. Lynch*  
Chairman of Convention held  
June 15, 1928  
*Joseph J. Adcock*  
Secretary of Convention



present he has devoted his time and energies thereto, gaining thorough familiarity with its every phase. Already as a boy he had begun assisting his father in the conduct of the business.

Mr. Detweiller is a man of ability, sterling integrity, sound judgment and possessed of a strong and genial personality which has won for him an extensive circle of warm friends in Peoria, where he ranks with the most honored and influential citizens as well as prosperous business men. He is intensely interested in civic affairs, stressing the need of more playgrounds for the girls and boys that will contribute to their health and joys. He is a member of the Greater Peoria Committee, whose object is to bring before the citizens the benefits they will derive from city planning and zoning and urge the adoption of a city plan by its officials. He is also a member of the Fort Clark Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, defender of woods, waters and wild life, and the Illinois Hunters and Fishers' Association, which two organizations are taking an active interest in the conservation of wild life and in eliminating the pollution from the beautiful and scenic Illinois river and its tributaries in order that they may be restored to the state in which Providence gave them for the use and enjoyment of humankind.

Thomas H. Detweiller purchased a beautiful tract of land comprising six hundred and sixty-one acres on the Galena road, five miles north of the city limits, and presented it to Peoria in honor of and as a memorial to his father. Its wooded areas and characteristic hills and valleys afford many enchanting scenes and charming picnic places. It has almost a mile of river front and its possibilities for future development work are practically unlimited.

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### JESSE E. HAND

Jesse E. Hand, one of Canton's enterprising business men and highly regarded citizens, who is at the head of a prosperous box-making concern, which has been in operation for the past thirteen years, was born in Osceola, Iowa, on the 17th of February, 1881, a son of Harvey and Elizabeth (Greggs) Hand. His father



was born in Illinois, February 18, 1843, and was a farmer by occupation. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in 1862 in Company I, Eighty-sixth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under the command of Colonel A. L. Fahenstock. He served until the end of the war and was honorably discharged June 6, 1865. On December 8, 1868, he married Miss Elizabeth Gregg, who was born March 13, 1849, and now lives in Washington. She is a direct descendant of Joseph Harker, who was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war, and later was made a captain under General Washington. General Anthony Wayne also was one of her ancestors.

Jesse E. Hand was educated in the grade schools of Illinois, being about three years of age when the family came to this state. After leaving school he learned the cigarmaking trade, which he followed for nineteen years, and in 1908 he entered the cigarmaking business in partnership with C. E. Stoddard, with whom he was associated in that line until 1917 and about three years longer in the cigar box manufacturing business. In 1920 his brother-in-law, Clayton S. Haines, bought out Mr. Stoddard's interest and the business is now carried on under the name of the Hand & Haines Box Company. The plant is one of the best equipped in the country, the machinery, including saws, nailing machines, polishers and labelers, being of the most improved types. The plant represents an investment of about fifteen thousand dollars and steady employment is given to twenty persons. In addition to this business, Mr. Hand is the owner of a fine fruit farm, comprising about eight hundred trees.

On October 16, 1904, Mr. Hand was united in marriage to Miss Iva B. Lewis, a daughter of James and Eliza Ann Lewis. Her father was born in Cumbath, southern Wales, April 19, 1852, and was a son of Jenkins and Sophia Lewis, who also were natives of that country. James Lewis came to the United States in 1866 and located in Salt Lake City, where he remained three years. In 1868 he came to Canton, but later moved to Bryant, Illinois, where he died in March, 1918. He was a mining engineer, which line he followed during the greater part of his active life. He supported the republican party and was active in local public affairs in Bryant, having served as town clerk and later as

alderman of Canton. His wife passed away January 4, 1928, and she and her husband are buried at Bryant. They were members of the Christian Church. Mrs. Hand, who was educated in the public schools of Fulton, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is greatly interested in civic affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Hand are the parents of three children, namely: Dorothy Lewis, born August 15, 1905, graduated from the Canton high school and attended the Bradley College before her marriage to Cleo Alspaugh, of Chicago, a salesman for the General Motors Corporation; Clayton L., born June 7, 1916, a student in high school, is a drummer in the famous P & O Band, and also plays the xylophone; and Patricia A., born April 9, 1923, completes the family.

Politically Mr. Hand is a staunch republican and has always shown a proper interest in public affairs, though he has never aspired to office. He is a member and treasurer of the Loyal Order of Moose in Canton, and is also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Travelers Protective Association and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. He is a good business man and the success which has come to him is the result of his persistent industry, sound business judgment and fair dealing.

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### VOORHEES FAMILY

The first representative of the Voorhees family in the Illinois River Valley was Rynear Statts Voorhees, who was born in New Jersey, September 14, 1825, and in his youth traveled westward to Fulton county, Illinois, casting in his lot with the pioneers of Joshua township. There he engaged in farming for several years, afterward owning and operating a mill in Fairview. He held membership in the Dutch Reformed Church of Fairview and was allied with the republican party. In the life of his community he took an active and prominent part and remained a resident of Fairview until his death on the 12th of January, 1891. He had a cousin, M. V. D. Voorhees, who fought in the Civil war, serving in the Union Army with the rank of captain. The wife of Rynear S. Voorhees, who bore the maiden name of Matilda

Brokaw, was born in New Jersey in 1826 and responded to death's summons April 21, 1897. Their children were six in number, namely: Peterson, who is deceased; Mary B., who is the wife of William Brokaw, of Bloomington, Illinois; John R., of Canton, now deceased; Aaron R.; Martha, who is the wife of J. W. Davis, of Canton; and Rynear R., who has passed away.

Aaron R. Voorhees, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Rynear S. Voorhees, was born on the home place, two and one-half miles from Fairview, in Joshua township, April 12, 1854, and had only a common school education but throughout life was a student and reader, constantly furthering his knowledge in this way. Like his father, he was an agriculturist and used the most effective methods in tilling the soil. He was a lover of horses and owned several fine ones. His political support was given to the republican party and for years he was a school director of his township. A strong champion of educational advancement, he was instrumental in securing a number of modern school buildings in his section of the state and was a man of progressive ideas, generous disposition and marked public spirit. His life was guided by the teachings of the Dutch Reformed Church of Fairview, in which he was an officer for several years. On the 28th of December, 1881, he was married to Miss Mary A. Brokaw, a daughter of S. S. and Louise (Beam) Brokaw. The mother was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, October 29, 1837, and in girlhood came with her parents to Illinois. Mrs. Voorhees was a member of the Fairview Dutch Reformed Church in early life, later was a member of the Canton Presbyterian Church and was long active in religious work. She died November 29, 1927, and was laid to rest beside her husband, who had passed away at Fairview, May 14, 1912. They were the parents of seven children.

(I) Clarence S. Voorhees, born in Joshua township, Fulton county, May 22, 1884, supplemented his grammar school course by a year's attendance at the Fairview high school and remained on the home farm until he reached the age of nineteen. At Fairview he secured employment with Cook & Belue, furniture dealers and undertakers, and in 1914 acquired from Mr. Belue a one-third interest in the firm, from which Mr. Cook had previously withdrawn. Mr. Voorhees continued on that basis until 1926,



when he purchased Mr. Belue's holdings, thus becoming sole owner of the store. He then admitted W. C. Wilson to a partnership and the present style of the C. S. Voorhees Company was adopted at that time. This is the only furniture and undertaking establishment in Fairview and has been in existence for many years. Mr. Voorhees is a licensed embalmer and has all modern equipment and facilities required in mortuary work. As a funeral director he renders to his patrons service that is first-class in every particular and he also carries a complete stock of furniture. The business has grown steadily under his efficient management and is now of large proportions. When the opportunity affords he enjoys travel and athletic sports. He belongs to a number of fraternal organizations, including the Masons, and is a past master and has been secretary of his lodge for several years. He has also held offices in the Eastern Star and has passed through all the chairs in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a past noble grand. He is likewise identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and with the Illinois Undertakers Association. He attends the Dutch Reformed Church and in politics is a stalwart republican. A civic worker, he has been particularly active along educational lines, serving for years on the school board of Fairview, and stands high both as a citizen and business man.

On the 26th of December, 1906, Clarence S. Voorhees was married to Miss Lelia Van Arsdale, who was born November 26, 1884, and is also a member of one of the old families of Fulton county. Her father, Abram Van Arsdale, was born May 8, 1856, and on November 5, 1878, married Samantha Anderson. She long survived her husband, who passed away May 4, 1912, and she died March 4, 1931. Mrs. Voorhees studied music in Knox College at Galesburg, Illinois, and is organist of the Fairview Dutch Reformed Church, in which she has membership. She also belongs to the Eastern Star and is a past worthy matron of the local chapter. Her political views coincide with those of her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Voorhees are the parents of four children: Russell D., who was born August 3, 1909, and following his graduation from the Fairview high school in 1927 enrolled as a student at Knox College, in which he is now a senior; Frederic Van,

who was born July 26, 1912, and after his graduation from the Fairview high school in 1930 became a freshman in Knox College, which he is now attending; Gordon Dale, who was born October 16, 1913, and acquired a high school education; and Eugene, born November 4, 1922.

(II) Rynear Raymond Voorhees was born May 28, 1888. His early education was acquired in a district school in Joshua township and after a year's attendance at the Fairview high school he began farming—an occupation which he has followed throughout life. His place comprises one hundred and sixty acres of fertile land and all of the buildings are substantial and commodious. As a dairyman he has been particularly successful and specializes in Jersey cattle. He owns the prize herd of Fulton county and had one cow that produced eighty-nine and nine-tenths pounds of butter in thirty days—a notable record. His membership was formerly with the Reformed Church of Fairview but he afterward united with the Methodist Episcopal Church near his home. In politics he is a republican and for years has been a school director of his district, while he is now serving as clerk of the board. On the 15th of January, 1911, Mr. Voorhees was married to Miss Alta Pearl Scott, who was born in southern Illinois, August 26, 1887, and is a daughter of Z. T. Scott. She is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a faithful follower of its teachings. Mr. and Mrs. Voorhees reside near Rapatee, Illinois, their farm being situated on Rural Route No. 1, in Knox county. They have six children: Alletta Louise, who was born July 28, 1912; Velma Irene, born August 15, 1913; Donald Lyle, June 6, 1916; Kenneth Raymond, June 22, 1918; Helen Margaret, March 4, 1921; and Melba Pearl, April 26, 1922.

(III) Ethel, born January 16, 1891, is now Mrs. W. C. Cline, of Farmington, Illinois.

(IV) Aura, born March 20, 1893, is the wife of Will Ulm, engaged in farming near London Mills, in Fulton county, Illinois.

(V) Harold R. was born August 26, 1895, and entered the United States Army in August, 1918. During the widespread epidemic of influenza in 1918 he succumbed to the disease October

4, while stationed at Camp Hancock, Georgia, and was laid to rest in the Fairview Cemetery beside other members of this old and highly respected family.

(VI) Everett Voorhees was born in Joshua township, Fulton county, August 17, 1898, and cultivates a farm located a distance of one and a quarter miles from Fairview.

(VII) Dorothy, born May 4, 1903, was married to Raymond Negley, who has a desirable farm in the vicinity of Norris, Fulton county.

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### PEKIN FLORAL COMPANY

The Pekin Floral Company was established in March, 1922, by Samuel Benjamin, Jr., Frank Geisert and Charles Geisert. Messrs. Benjamin and Frank Geisert had planned for a number of years to start a greenhouse on state highway 24, near Lakeside cemetery, between Pekin and Peoria. Their plans came to fruition when they were joined by Charles Geisert, who was a practical accountant, and the business which they established was carried on as a partnership until January, 1929, when it was incorporated as the Pekin Floral Company. The present officers of the corporation are Samuel Benjamin, Jr., president; Frank Geisert, vice president, and Charles Geisert, secretary and treasurer.

In March, 1922, the gentlemen mentioned built five greenhouses, each one hundred and fifty feet long and fifteen feet wide, doing the actual construction work themselves, and entered upon the culture of a general line of greenhouse plants and cut flowers. At that time they had about eleven thousand two hundred and fifty square feet of floor space, which has been gradually increased during the subsequent years, until now they utilize forty-five thousand square feet of space, comprising one of the largest floral plants in central Illinois. They started their venture without capital and now have an investment of eighty thousand dollars. They have five acres of ground, on which are their eighteen greenhouses, other buildings and rose gardens. They are the only florists in Tazewell county who are wholesalers in potted plants, and



they also do an extensive retail business in plants, seeds and cut flowers. Their plant, which is strictly modern in its equipment, has a spraying system used as an insecticide, with city water, and a heating plant which returns condensed steam to the boilers for re-use. They now employ twenty men during the busy season and ten at all times. They handle rose plants, cut roses and bulbs in season and during 1929 sold thirty thousand rose plants, all of which were of leading varieties. They also sell thousands of gladiolas during their season. The owners of the business are entitled to large credit for what they have accomplished within a comparatively short time and have shown themselves honorable and capable business men.

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### MERELIN B. KETCHAM

Merelin B. Ketcham, who is very capably filling the position of sales manager for the Specialty Manufacturing Company, of Pekin, where he is a well known and highly regarded citizen, was born near La Harpe, Hancock county, Illinois, on the 9th of June, 1889, and is a son of Charles D. and Emma Louisa (Butler) Ketcham. His father was born near La Harpe, March 17, 1860, and during his active years followed farming. He is now retired and lives in this city. The paternal grandfather, James Ketcham, who was a native of Ohio, moved to Illinois in the pioneer days of the state. He was descended from one of four brothers, of Scotch descent, who came from England to America and acquired all of Long Island. The family still claim property there, but have not been able to furnish the necessary proofs. The family name was originally Ketchum, but was changed to its present form because of some political trouble in England. Charles D. Ketcham is an active supporter of the democratic party and has served as alderman, collector and constable. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is an active worker in civic affairs and is prominent and influential in his community. He is fond of fishing and hunting, but his chief hobbies are agriculture and horses. His wife, who also was born in La Harpe, Illinois, was a member of a pioneer family, her

father being Baxter Butler, a native of Ohio and of English descent. She was a member of the Christian Church, belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star and took great delight in church and lodge work, as well as in the ordinary social affairs of her community. She passed away several years ago and is buried in the cemetery at La Harpe. To Mr. and Mrs. Ketcham were born the following children: Merelin B.; Delbert, Otis and Floyd, all of whom died in infancy; Clarence, who lives at La Harpe, Illinois; and Earl, who resides in Detroit, Michigan.

Merelin B. Ketcham attended the public schools of La Harpe and had three years' work in Gittings Seminary, at that place. For a number of years he was employed at various occupations and then went to Buhl, Twin Falls county, Idaho, where he was engaged in the real estate and produce businesses. In 1924 he sold his interests there and returned to Illinois, locating in Peoria, where he continued in the real estate and land business. He was also in Florida for about six months during the great boom of a few years ago, and then came to Pekin. He is now identified with the Specialty Manufacturing Company as sales manager and has had much to do with the upbuilding of the business to its present splendid condition. This company is engaged in the manufacture of the Pekin casting reel and other fishing tackle, and is one of Pekin's successful and growing concerns.

On November 9, 1912, Mr. Ketcham was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth B. Burr, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Burr, both of whom are deceased. She is a direct descendant of Aaron Burr and various members of her family have been active in the political life of this country. Mrs. Ketcham was born at La Harpe, Illinois, November 9, 1891, and attended the grade and high schools of that place. She supports the republican party and has been active in the political affairs of her town and county. She is a member of and an active worker in the Church of Christ, Scientist; of the Parent-Teacher Association and the Woman's Club and is greatly interested in club work. Mr. and Mrs. Ketcham are the parents of two sons, John Robert, born November 29, 1915, and James Edward, born June 6, 1919.

Mr. Ketcham is a republican in politics and is actively interested in the public affairs of his community. His religious con-

nection is with the Christian Church and he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, being a past officer of his lodge. He is a reader of the best literature, being particularly fond of history and science. He is a lover of the great out-of-doors and open air sports, having been considerable of an athlete in his earlier years as a football and basketball player. He has traveled extensively throughout the west and is a man of wide and accurate information. He owns his home at 1116 South Fourth street, Pekin. Because of his sterling personal qualities, his business ability and his outstanding interest in the things worth while in life, he commands the unreserved respect of all who know him.

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### WHOLE WHEAT PRODUCTS COMPANY

One of Peoria's most important and successful concerns is the Whole Wheat Products Company, the offices of which are at 311 Commercial National Bank building. This Company is incorporated under the laws of Illinois, with a capital stock of two hundred thousand dollars, and is engaged in the manufacture of a product known to the trade as "Nature's Gift—Genuine Whole Wheat Flour." This Company uses the only process known that will keep whole wheat flour from getting musty or infested with weevil. For many years this tendency on the part of the whole wheat flour hindered its manufacture and sale, as the product would become infested and worthless. The sterilization process which this Company has perfected, and which keeps the flour fresh as long as any other flour, was discovered after years of research by M. J. Riedel, who has spent his entire life in the milling business and who is now general manager of the Whole Wheat Products Company. He spent six years in developing the actual process and testing the salability of the product. The present officers of the Whole Wheat Products Company are as follows: Dr. R. D. Dugan, a prominent physician of Springfield, Illinois, president; O. B. Richter, an official of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at Osceola, Iowa, vice president; Charles L. Kent, of Peoria, Illinois, secretary; S. A. Wilde, of Osceola, Iowa;



and W. H. Schelm, of Peoria, Illinois; F. C. Heiden, Peoria, Illinois, directors; M. J. Riedel, Peoria, Illinois, treasurer and general manager; and H. S. Riley, sales manager.

Nature's Gift—Genuine Whole Wheat Flour contains four vitamins, A. B. C. & D. which are absent in white flour, but which are so necessary to good health. Physicians throughout the world are recommending the use of this whole wheat flour in preference to white flour. The public is falling into line and the demand for this flour which will not spoil is rapidly increasing. The Whole Wheat Products Company is to the fullest degree meeting the demands for the perfect whole wheat flour and its sales show a steady and substantial growth. The Whole Wheat Products Company's mill is located in the thirty-one hundred block of North Adams street, Peoria, and represents an investment of one hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars. "Nature's Gift" is the only product manufactured by this concern. The mill is equipped with modern and improved machinery, all of which is electrically driven. This flour may be used for pancakes, biscuits, bread, potato bread, cakes, pie crust and any other thing which can be made of white flour. The process of grinding used here makes the bran flakes finer than in the old-time graham flour and therefore is to be preferred in baking on that account. The Whole Wheat Products Company belongs to progressive industries of Peoria and its officers are progressive and up to date in their attitude towards public improvements and civic betterment. They are all well known and trustworthy men, who command the confidence of the business world and are regarded as assets to the city with which they are identified.

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### LESLIE W. GAIN

The floral firm of Gain Brothers is one of Rushville's leading commercial enterprises and the owners, Leslie W. and Joel E. Gain, have shown themselves progressive and enterprising men. Leslie W. Gain was born at Astoria, Illinois, June 1, 1904, and is a son of William A. and Corda (Onion) Gain, a sketch of whom appears on other pages of this work. He attended the public schools

of Astoria and graduated from high school in 1922. He took an active part in athletics, being a member of the football and basket-ball teams, also taking part in track and field work. After leaving school he spent one year traveling in the west, after which he attended the University of Illinois two and a half years, specializing in floriculture and landscape gardening. He returned to Astoria for a short time, and then went to Kentucky, where he spent a few months. Going back to Astoria, he assisted his father in the latter's greenhouse and nursery business until 1927, when he and his brother Joel E. came to Rushville and engaged in the florist business. They built a modern and well equipped greenhouse, enclosing about four thousand square feet of space and costing five thousand dollars. They own six acres of land, largely devoted to the raising of nursery stock, perennials, shrubs and plants, and they also grow many summer flowers. They grow and sell all kinds of potted plants, bulbs and flowers for cutting, make all kinds of floral designs and do a good deal of landscaping in Rushville and the adjoining towns. They also grow vegetable plants, and sell bulbs, seeds and plant food. They specialize in the growing of chrysanthemums, of which they have many fine varieties, and in all of their operations have shown a progressive tendency, keeping up to date in their methods. Both brothers are members of the Rushville Community Club.

On June 24, 1928, Leslie W. Gain was married to Miss Vergil Ruth Everman, who was born March 20, 1906, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Everman, of Urbana, Illinois. Her father, who was born at Winchester, Kentucky, is a foreman for a sash and door concern in Urbana. Mrs. Gain was graduated from the Urbana high school in 1922 and later from Brown's Business College in Champaign, this state. Prior to her marriage she was employed in the Burnham Hospital in Urbana. She is a republican in her political views and is a popular member of the best social circles of Rushville. Her father is a member of the Spanish-American War Veterans and he and his wife belong to the Christian Church.

Mr. Gain has always supported the republican party and his religious faith is that of the United Brethren Church. He is a

Mason and Knight of Pythias at Rushville and takes an active and effective part in the civic affairs of his community. A lover of outdoor life, he likes all forms of athletics and is fond of hunting and fishing. He has devoted his attention closely to the business in which he is engaged and in which prosperity has attended him, and he holds a high place in the commercial circles of Rushville.

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### WILLIAM F. GORMAN

William F. Gorman, resident electrical engineer at Pekin for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, was born in Chicago, Illinois, on the 15th of May, 1896, a son of William and Mary E. (O'Keefe) Gorman. The father, who was born in Virginia in 1872 of Irish descent, was engaged in the banking business during his entire active career. His death occurred June 2, 1928. He was an earnest member of the Roman Catholic Church and was a man of high ideals in business and private life. A lover of humanity, he spent a fortune in the establishing of orphans' homes in Chicago and Virginia. His wife was born in Virginia in 1876 and is still a resident of Chicago. She was educated in St. John's College, is a devoted member of the Catholic Church and has long been active in philanthropic work.

William F. Gorman received his early education in the public and high schools of Chicago and then entered the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated with the degree of Electrical Engineer in 1919. He had previously accepted a position with the Chicago & Northwestern Railway in Chicago, remaining there as assistant electrical engineer until 1926, when he was transferred to Pekin as resident electrical engineer, in which capacity he is still serving.

On June 19, 1927, Mr. Gorman was united in marriage to Miss Mary Conger, who was born June 12, 1899, and is a daughter of Jonah and Tilda (Grisholm) Conger. She was educated in Jackson, Tennessee. Mr. Gorman is a member of the Roman Catholic Church and gives his earnest support to all causes which have for their object the advancement of the best interests of his com-



munity. He is affiliated with the American Association of Electrical Engineers and has served as secretary of the district organization of that association. He has long been interested in athletics, having played football during his college years, and retains his love for outdoor life and sports. He is capably filling the responsible position which he holds and to a marked degree commands the respect of all who are associated with him.

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### F. GRANT MINOR

For many years F. Grant Minor has been a familiar figure in the courthouse at Peoria, where he has been connected with the sheriff's office for practically two decades, and is now rendering able and efficient service as sheriff, for which office his previous experience has well qualified him. Mr. Minor was born in Peoria on the 20th of March, 1886, and is a son of Francis G. and Pauline (Pruschwitz) Minor. The grandparents, John R. and Martha Minor, were natives of Pennsylvania, and both died in Peoria, Illinois. Their son was born in Peoria in 1865, and died on March 8, 1918, in this city. He was an accountant by profession, and at one time served as tax collector. Afterwards he served as clerk of the circuit court, and was sheriff of Peoria county from 1910 to 1914. He was a republican in his political alignment, was prominent and influential in local public affairs and was very popular throughout the county. Pauline (Pruschwitz) Minor, who was born in Peoria and is now living in Laura, Peoria county, is a daughter of Ewald Pruschwitz, a native of Germany and a cabinetmaker by trade, whose death occurred in Peoria.

F. Grant Minor attended the public schools of Peoria, graduating from high school in 1904, after which he was engaged in farming for about four years. He then went to work in the meter department of the Peoria Electric Company, with which concern he remained until 1910, when he became deputy sheriff under his father, who was at that time sheriff. He was also deputy sheriff under sheriffs Lucius I. Butts and Louis M. Hines, and chief deputy under Sheriff Albert Randall. In 1926 he was elected



F. GRANT MINOR





sheriff, in which position he is still serving, and is giving a very creditable and satisfactory administration.

On October 28, 1912, in Peoria, Illinois, Mr. Minor was united in marriage to Miss Edna G. Butrick, who was born and reared in this city and is a daughter of John and Julia (McKinney) Butrick, both of whom were born in Peoria, where the mother is still living. The father, who died in this city, devoted the active years of his life to farming, but retired some years prior to his death. He was a veteran of the Civil war, in which he served four years. Mrs. Minor was educated in the public schools of Richwood township, Peoria county, and is an adherent of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Minor are the parents of a son, F. Grant, Jr., born on October 27, 1922. Mr. Minor has always supported the republican party and his religious membership is with the First Congregational Church. He is a member of Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Peoria Lodge, No. 20, B. P. O. E., and the Woodmen of the World. Golf and baseball are his favorite outdoor sports. He is deservedly popular, for to a marked degree he possesses those qualities which make for lasting friendships, and his official record is one of which he may justifiably be proud.

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### R. W. HYNDMAN

R. W. Hyndman, one of the leading educators of Fulton county has served for the past eight years as superintendent of schools of Canton, where he has attained a high place in public esteem because of his professional record and his sterling personal qualities. Born in Allen county, Indiana, on the 9th of August, 1890, he is a son of Joseph and Lucy (Craig) Hyndman, also natives of Allen county. The father was a veteran of the Civil war, serving with the First Regiment of Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He fought in the battles of Chattanooga, Nashville and Shiloh and was with General Sherman on his march from Atlanta to the sea. He was of Scotch descent and the sturdy traits of that people were prominent in his makeup. His wife,

who was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was a woman of strong character, kindly in manner and was beloved by all who knew her. She passed away in July, 1913, and the father in 1916, and both are buried in Allen county, Indiana.

R. W. Hyndman received his early education in the grade schools of his home county and graduated from the Churubusco (Ind.) high school in 1909. He then entered the Terre Haute Teachers' College, completing the three-year course in 1913 and the work for the Bachelor of Arts degree there in 1915. During those years he served as business manager of the school paper, was president of the athletic association, was active in literary work and taught some subjects in the school prior to his graduation. He was greatly interested in athletics, took some track honors and was a member of the class basketball team.

Mr. Hyndman taught a rural school in 1909 and 1910 and from 1914 to 1916 was principal of the Odon (Ind.) high school. Subsequently he attended Columbia University and in 1921 received his Master degree from that institution. While attending Columbia he taught in New York city. In 1917 and 1918 he taught mathematics in Minnesota State Teachers College. In 1918 Mr. Hyndman enlisted for service in the World war and was sent to the Great Lakes naval training station, where he remained until the end of the war, being honorably discharged at Cleveland, Ohio. In 1919-20 he served as supervising principal of the Avilla (Ind.) township high school, and during the two following years was principal of the high school at Hillsdale, Michigan. In 1922 he came to Canton as principal of the high school and after one year was elected as superintendent of schools and has filled this position continuously since. He has very capably directed the educational activities of the community and to a marked degree commands the confidence of the public and the respect of the teachers under him. He keeps abreast of the times in educational methods, is in close and constant touch with the student body and is genuinely interested in its welfare and progress.

Mr. Hyndman was united in marriage in New York city to Miss Edith Provines, May 28, 1917, and to them have been born four children: James Hugh, born March 14, 1919; John Robert,

July 3, 1920; David Eugene, October 5, 1921; and Lee Allen, November 16, 1923. Mrs. Hyndman, who was born on her father's farm, August 1, 1889, received her early training in the rural schools of De Kalb county. She was graduated from the high school of Auburn, Indiana, and from the three-year teachers training course at Indiana State Normal. She taught seven years in the public schools of Indiana prior to her marriage.

Mr. Hyndman maintains an independent attitude in political affairs, though leaning somewhat to the democratic party. He is a Mason, belongs to the Phi Delta Kappa and Acacia fraternities, and is a member of the Rotary Club and of the Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a past president and a present director. He warmly supports all moral causes, belongs to the Young Men's Christian Association, is very active in Boy Scout work and gives his support to every movement or measure looking to the betterment of his community along civic and moral lines. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is actively affiliated with the Illinois State Teachers' Association, the National Education Association and the superintendents' division of the latter organization. A lover of outdoor sports, he fosters and encourages athletics among the children, to whose interests he is closely devoted. A man of high educational and civic ideals, he has been a definite force for good in the community and has well earned the high place which he holds in public regard.

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### CANTON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Canton Union School District No. 66 was organized under a special charter March 26, 1869. The original high school building was erected at that time and additions were built in 1903 and 1929. The building is of brick, is three stories high, is heated with hot air from its own steam heating plant and is furnished with city water. The three buildings which comprise the school plant occupy about two blocks of ground. A viaduct leads from the high school building to the junior high school building, and the old gymnasium is between these buildings. The new gymnasium, which was the gift of Mrs. Alice Ingersoll, of Canton, a



member of the class of 1873, is of brick construction, finished with surface tile. The stationary seats will accommodate eleven hundred people and the movable seats accommodate sixteen hundred. The first class, consisting of three students, graduated from the high school in 1865, and the class of 1929 had one hundred and fifty-one members.

In the basement of the high school building are the manual training rooms, the cooking rooms, the printing shop and the mechanical drawing room. The first floor has the library and class rooms. The second floor contains the assembly room, the principal's office and class rooms, while on the third floor are the music room, the public speaking room and class rooms. The buildings are all floored with wood. There are thirteen hundred and ten pupils in junior and senior high schools. On the school ground there is a practice athletic field. The school is very active in athletic affairs and in basketball won the state championship in 1928 and was second in the national meet. Among the music organizations are a band, an orchestra, a boys' glee club and a girls' glee club. Twenty-five per cent of the graduates of this school go to higher educational institutions. There are four scholarships for students of this school.

The school draws its pupils from eleven square miles of territory has two hundred and fifty tuition pupils, and has long stood as an example of the best type of public school work. R. W. Hyndman, the city superintendent of schools, has held that position for nine years. Ralph Vare Cordell is principal of the high school, in which capacity he is doing very effective work. The school board consists of five members, one of which is elected each year for five years.

The personnel of the educational organization of the city of Canton for the school year 1930-31 is as follows: R. W. Hyndman, superintendent; Archie Chadd and James Groutage, physical education; F. D. Walker, band; Mrs. Elma S. Ingram, elementary music; Mae Howe, nurse and attendance; Mayme Snyder, elementary supervisor; Alice Smith, librarian; Esther Deutch, secretary to the superintendent; and Ruth Benson, secretary to the principal.

High school—R. V. Cordell, principal; F. C. Coons, assistant

principal; Kirtley Atkinson, public speaking; Raymond Benbow, agriculture; Julia Conklin, French; Mrs. Grace Cordell, Latin and English; Mary Ann Cox, commercial arithmetic; Verle Ellett, chemistry; Katherine Elliott, English; Alvin Felts, geometry; Jessie Franz, Latin; Bryan Gentry, history and social economy; Helen Jameson, sewing; Mrs. Helen Jenkins, English and history; Harold V. Johnson, manual training; Lillian Johnson, history and journalism; L. B. King, mechanical drawing and printing; Glen Medus, manual training; Evalena Miller, algebra; Opal O'Brien, cooking and sewing; Mary Louise Powell, English; Margaret Quick, biology; Marie Roberts, geography; Laura Schutter, English; Frances Secor, physical education and history; Clarence Trimmer, bookkeeping; Helen Tuttle, stenography; and Robert Ziegler, general science.

Grammar School—Julia Randolph, principal and English; Mabel Bath, physiology; Mrs. Nellie Burg, penmanship; Mrs. Jean Chapin, seventh English; Zelma Justus, home economics and high school geography; Kathryn Kays, eighth arithmetic; Mrs. Eudoxia Patterson, seventh arithmetic; Ethan Snively, English and literature; Mrs. Mary Weaver, geography; and Mrs. Agnes White, eighth history.

Anderson School—Edith Thomas, principal, 4 and 5; Frances Johnson, 3; Ruth Bennett, 2; and Roberta Wendt, 1.

Central School—Julia Randolph, principal; Mrs. Merle Lovett, 5; Helen Coleman, 4; Mrs. Faye Lindquist, 3; Naomi Johnston, 2; Mary Byrum, 1; and Blanche Hukill, ungraded.

Hulit School—Mrs. Annah Hoffman, principal and 4; Mrs. Phyllis Van Liew, 3; Kathryn Brown, 2; and Blanche Messler, 1.

Ingersoll School—Blanche Huff, principal and 2; Mrs. Edna M. Reneau, 4 and 5; Mildred Middleton, 3; and Mrs. Consuelo Green, 1.

John Dean School—Mrs. Eda M. Smith, principal, 4 and 5; Bertha McMahon, 3 and 4; Anna Secher, 2; and Mrs. Florence Thixtun, 1.

Kellogg School—Lera Burgess, principal and 6; Mrs. Gladys Crouch, 5; Yolande Feeser, 4; Harriett Crockett, 3; Mrs. Nelle Sexton, 2; and Sabina Mautino, 1.

McCall School—Blanche Breed, principal and 6; Lillian Code,

6; Gladys Henry, 5; Mrs. Cecile Taylor, 4; Elma Lybarger, 3; Ruth Dodge, 2; and Rose Sluzalis, 1.

Shepley School—Joseph G. Davis, principal and 1 to 6.

Wright School—Jessie McLaren, principal and 6; Mrs. Edna K. Weaver, 6; Thelma Byrum, 6, and Mrs. Thelma Ziegler, 5.

The courses of study for the Canton high school are as follows: College Preparatory Course—First year, English I, algebra and general science, and either Latin, French, ancient history, manual training, sewing or agriculture; second year, English II, geometry, Latin or French, and either modern history, general history, biology, manual training, sewing or cooking; third year, English III, and three of the following, American history and civics, sociology and economics, chemistry, physics, biology, advanced algebra and geometry, Latin, French, manual training, sewing, cooking, mechanical drawing, bookkeeping, stenography and typewriting; fourth year, any of the following which student lacks, English, three years, history, one year, laboratory science, one year, algebra, one year, geometry, one year, and French or Latin, two years; also any other subject required by the particular department of the university student expects to enter, choosing from English IV or public speaking I, II, III or IV, American history and civics, sociology and economics, commercial law (one-half), English history (one-half), chemistry, physics, advanced algebra and geometry, Latin, French, stenography and typewriting as one unit, and trigonometry every other year.

General Course—First year, English I, algebra, general science, and either French, Latin, sewing, manual training or ancient history; second year, English II, and choose two or three of general history, modern history, geometry, geography, biology, French, Latin, public speaking I, II or III, manual training, sewing, cooking, commercial arithmetic, mechanical drawing or printing; third year, English III and three of the following, physics, chemistry, biology, Latin, French, geometry, public speaking I, II, III, IV and V, stenography and typewriting, bookkeeping, sewing, cooking, manual training, mechanical drawing and printing; fourth year, one from each group if student has not had one, American history and civics, or sociology and economics; others from the following, English IV, public speaking,



physics, chemistry, Latin, French, advanced algebra and geometry, bookkeeping, stenography and typewriting, manual training, mechanical drawing and printing.

Commercial Course—First year, English I, commercial geography (one-half), physiology (one-half), and commercial arithmetic, and either ancient history, manual training or sewing; second year, English II and bookkeeping, and any two of algebra, biology, geography, general history, modern history, public speaking, manual training, sewing and cooking; third year, English III, bookkeeping II or stenography and typewriting, and any two of American history (one-half), civics (one-half), chemistry, physics, French, Latin, public speaking, manual training, mechanical drawing, sewing, cooking or printing; fourth year, commercial law (one-half), English history (one-half), bookkeeping or stenography and typewriting, American history and civics or sociology and economics, and choose one from list of fourth year electives in general course.

Household Arts Course, Girls and Industrial Course, Boy—First year, Current English, commercial arithmetic, woodworking (boys), sewing (girls), general science (non-laboratory); second year English I, woodworking or homemaking, citizenship and biology; third year, English II, and general history and two of the following, geography, algebra, physiology, public speaking I, bookkeeping, stenography and typewriting, mechanical drawing, cooking, printing; fourth year; English III, American history and civics, and two of the following, algebra, geometry, physics, chemistry, public speaking II, mechanical drawing and printing.

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### CHARLES GEISERT

Charles Geisert, secretary and treasurer of the Pekin Floral Company, has been a vital factor in the development and success of this concern and holds a high place in the commercial circles of Pekin. He was born in Pekin on the 25th of August, 1887, and received his educational training in the grade schools of this city. He learned the cigar-making trade, which he fol-

lowed for ten years, after which he accepted the position of accountant for the Pekin & Peoria Union Railway, with which corporation he was connected until the United States became involved in the World war. On July 24, 1917, he enlisted for service and was sent to Governor's Island, New York, where he was assigned to the Quartermaster Corps. He was sent overseas and served in France until July 24, 1919, when he returned to this country and was honorably discharged at Camp Grant, Illinois. After his return to Pekin, Mr. Geisert was employed at various occupations until 1922, when he joined his brother Frank and Samuel Benjamin and engaged in business as a florist. They started practically without capital, but, by careful management and persistent industry, they built up a business which now represents an investment of eighty thousand dollars. The enterprise was conducted as a partnership until 1929, when it was incorporated as the Pekin Floral Company, of which Charles Geisert is the secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Geisert supports the republican party and takes an active interest in local political affairs. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Cosmopolitan Club and the Tazewell Club. As a member of the Chamber of Commerce, he has shown an active and effective interest in the civic affairs of his community. He is an inveterate reader, history being his favorite subject, and is fond of all outdoor sports. He has been successful in his individual affairs and owns considerable valuable property in Pekin. Loyal to the best interests of his community, he is regarded as one of its most substantial and public-spirited citizens.

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### EL PASO TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

The El Paso township high school, at El Paso, Woodford county, is one of the leading educational institutions of the Illinois River Valley and occupies a building which has no superior in the state. The high school was organized in 1915 as a distinct educational unit. Prior to that time high school classes had been taught in various rooms, wherever they could be accommodated.

The present magnificent building, which was erected in 1920, cost three hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. The building was constructed of stone and brick, and is commodious, well arranged and attractive. The classrooms have wooden floors, while the floors of the halls are of terrazzo.

On the first floor of the building are to be found the agricultural, biological, physics and chemical laboratories, each completely equipped and with a classroom in connection. On this floor are also the manual training shops, the boys and girls' locker rooms and the swimming pool. The farm machinery department is outside of the building. On the third floor is the gymnasium, which will seat about six hundred, and is provided with complete athletic equipment. The auditorium, which will seat about a thousand, has a fire proof motion picture operating room and a completely equipped stage. The auditorium has cement floors and is amply capable of meeting the demands of the community. On this floor are the general library, the history, junior and senior English and commercial departments, the music room, the offices of the principal and the athletic director and the lady teachers' rest room. The commercial department of the school is complete, embracing bookkeeping, typewriting, shorthand, commercial arithmetic, and commercial law. On the third floor are the rooms for classes in English, mathematics, languages, home economics, cooking and sewing, the demonstration dining room, the cafeteria, the clinic and the school nurse's room. There are thirty-six rooms in the building, which is located on a plot of ground of about three acres. The grounds have been beautifully landscaped by the teacher of agriculture, much ornamental shrubbery having been planted, and the building and grounds present a very attractive appearance.

The El Paso high school gives a due share of attention to athletics, maintaining football, basketball, baseball and track teams, and in the last two years has won six championships in county and state meets. The school utilizes the fairgrounds park as an athletic field and the grandstand there will seat approximately three hundred persons. The school has instruction in both vocal and instrumental music, having a glee club, a high school chorus, a high school orchestra, and a band composed of



both grade and high school pupils. There are twelve teachers and the average enrollment in 1929 was one hundred and eighty-five, of whom forty-seven graduated. The school board is as follows: A. B. Hurd, president; J. T. Sturgeon, secretary; George Shuman, J. T. Cleary, Theodore Stimpert, William Parkhouse, and F. B. Stitt. About forty per cent of the graduates of the El Paso high school enter higher educational institutions. There are sixty-five sections in El Paso township, from which come the pupils, and the school tax rate is one dollar and eleven cents a hundred.

Harry M. Clark, who has rendered able and efficient service as principal for the past ten years, graduated from Morningside College, at Sioux City, Iowa, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1916, and received his Master degree from Columbia University in 1928. He is a thorough and competent educator, is devoted to the interests of the school over which he presides and is deservedly popular throughout the community which he serves.

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### JOHN ROUTSON

John Routson, a progressive and influential citizen of Fulton county, who is the owner of a fine, well improved farm near Canton, and is also engaged in auctioneering in which capacity he is widely known, was born at Lewistown, Illinois, on the 10th of October, 1881, and is a son of E. E. and Frances (Harwick) Routson. His paternal grandfather, John Routson, was a native of Ireland and on coming to the United States located in Lewistown, where he became a miller, lumber dealer and contractor. He constructed a large part of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. When he settled in Lewistown this part of the country was just emerging from the pioneer era and he was a large factor in the upbuilding and development of that locality. He became a strong supporter of the republican party and took an active part in local public affairs. His son, E. E. Routson, was born in Hardin county, Ohio, July 21, 1859, and was brought to Fulton county, Illinois, in young boyhood. He was actively interested in agricultural pursuits and accumulated a large acreage of farm lands.

He too became an active supporter of the republican party and was prominent in local affairs, serving for four years as deputy sheriff of Fulton county and ten years as drainage commissioner. For twenty-five years he was a member of the Masonic order and also belonged to the Woodmen. He was greatly interested in the wild life of the state and did all that he could do to preserve and protect it. He was a wide reader, thus becoming well educated, and was distinctively a community builder. He died July 6, 1927, and is buried at Lewistown. His wife, Frances (Harwick) Routson, was born at Lewistown, August 13, 1858, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Harwick, who were pioneer settlers of Illinois, coming here from their native state of Kentucky. Mrs. Frances Routson is still living here and is held in high esteem by all who know her. To Mr. and Mrs. Routson were born five children, as follows: John; Clyde, of Canton, Illinois; Cullen and Dr. Theodore, both of Lewistown; and Lillian, the wife of R. O. Groat, of Lewistown.

John Routson received his educational training in the grade schools of Isabel township, Fulton county, and afterward gave his entire attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he is still interested. As an auctioneer he has cried many large and small sales during the past eighteen years and is regarded as an expert in that line of work. His valuable and well improved farm near Canton is devoted to general agriculture and in its operation he has been very successful.

On September 11, 1907, Mr. Routson was united in marriage to Miss Martha Beckstead, who was born at Liverpool, Illinois, August 13, 1879, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Beckstead, who were natives of Canada, of French descent, and became pioneers of Fulton county. Mrs. Routson is a warm supporter of the republican party, takes a keen interest in the affairs of her section of the county and is well liked by everyone who knows her. Mr. and Mrs. Routson became the parents of a son, Raymond, who was born March 29, 1912, and died December 3, 1930.

Mr. Routson has long been an active supporter of the republican party and has been prominent in its councils. He served for six years as supervisor of Banner township and during the past six years has served as treasurer of the Banner school district.

He is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose at Canton and was the first dictator of his lodge. He has also been chairman of the Farm Bureau for the past twelve years. He is an inveterate reader of farm papers, educational works and of everything that he can find concerning Abraham Lincoln. During the World war he took a leading part in the Liberty Loan and other drives and has since received from the war department a medal in recognition of his services. Mr. Routson was one of the organizers of the Illinois Hunters and Fishers' Association, of which he is the vice president, and does everything he can to protect the wild game of this state. He is a lover of the out-of-doors and a keen hunter and fisher. He possesses a fine personality, is candid and straightforward in all of his personal relations and commands the uniform respect of his fellowmen.

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### MINIER COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

One of the noteworthy high schools of Illinois, outside of the cities, is the Minier community high school, at Minier, Tazewell county, an institution which has gained wide repute for its exceptionally fine equipment and the high order of its educational work. The school was established in 1922, the building being remodeled from an old but large and substantial garage, the exterior being finished in stucco. It is two stories high and contains nine classrooms, an assembly hall, a laboratory and a home economics room. This is an accredited school, has six regular teachers and a teacher who gives part time to the teaching of vocal music. There are a number of excellent and popular school societies, including a glee club for girls and boys, and a literary society, which gives regular programs in debating and oratory. In 1922 the school won the state championship; in 1924 it won the district championship and it has frequently won places in oratorical contests. The school also conducts a commercial department, in which are taught typewriting, bookkeeping, commercial arithmetic and commercial geography. The school grounds cover about a half block and include an athletic field. Baseball, basket-ball and track teams are organized and are doing good work.



The school enrollment averages about seventy-five students, a large percentage of whom later attend higher schools and colleges. A large percentage of the grade school pupils are induced by the school board to attend this high school, and for two consecutive years every eligible pupil graduating from the eighth grade in the district entered this school. The success of the school is due to the fact that the people of the district give it support and cooperation, and, considering its size, it is one of the highest ranking high schools in the state. The present members of the school board are, William Freetag, president; Ray Kettering, secretary; and D. R. Slater, P. J. Hallstein and Charles Barnes.

Tony C. Hostettler, who has rendered capable and effective service as principal of the Minier community high school for the past six years, was born in Calhoun, Illinois, October 13, 1895. He received a good education, graduating from the State Normal University, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1925. He is also attending the summer sessions of the University of Chicago, from which he will receive his Master degree in 1930. He taught several years in various schools of Illinois before coming to Minier and in every way is well qualified for the responsible position which he is so satisfactorily filling. On December 18, 1920, Mr. Hostettler was united in marriage to Miss Essie McWilliams and they have their home in Minier. Mr. Hostettler is closely devoted to his profession, has done splendid and appreciated work at Minier and is very highly esteemed throughout the district.

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### HOWARD J. WHITEHEAD

Howard J. Whitehead, a leading young business man and public-spirited citizen of Fulton county, is one of the owners and the manager of a prosperous retail grocery store in Lewistown. He was born at Liverpool, this county, on the 29th of July, 1907, and is a son of Truman and Stella Whitehead, personal mention of whom is made on other pages of this work. He was educated in the public schools of his native town and studied one year in the Canton high school. He then entered his father's store at Can-

ton, in which he was employed until 1926, when he and his father established a retail grocery store at Lewistown, of which he is the manager. He carries a large and well selected stock of staple and fancy groceries, with such auxiliary lines as are required by the local trade, and by his courteous and accommodating manner and his fair dealing has gained the good will of the people of his community and has built up a large patronage.

On April 15, 1926, Mr. Whitehead was united in marriage to Miss Kathryn Marie Jump, who was born at Canton, August 11, 1910, and is a daughter of Frank and Minnie Jump, of Canton. Her father is a farmer and is a republican in his political views. Mrs. Whitehead was educated in the grade schools of Canton, votes the republican ticket and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She is a lover of athletics and outdoor life, is a reader and is a popular member of the best social circles of this section of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead are the parents of a son, Truman Jack, who was born July 26, 1928.

Mr. Whitehead gives hearty support to the republican party and is actively interested in local public affairs. He was one of the organizers of the Illinois Hunters and Fishers' Association, the chief object of which is the protection of the wild game of the state. He is widely known, is deservedly popular and is one of the leaders among the young men of Fulton county.

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### CLAUDE U. STONE

Claude U. Stone has been engaged in the practice of law in Peoria for the past twenty years, and during this period has been called to various positions of responsibility, being at the present time master in chancery for Peoria county. He was born near Greenview, Menard county, Illinois, on the 11th of May, 1879, and is a son of William L. and Johanna (Ohlson) Stone. The paternal grandparents were William A. and Martha Jane (Patterson) Stone, the former of whom was born in Virginia and came to Menard county, Illinois, in 1830, and spent his life there. He followed farming as a vocation and was a veteran of the Mexican and Black Hawk wars. His wife was a native of Kentucky



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who came with her parents to Menard county when a child. William L. Stone was born in Menard county, where he has continuously resided, being at this time retired, after a long career as a farmer. He has served as a member of the school board. His wife is a native of Sweden.

Claude U. Stone received his early education in the public schools of Menard county, Illinois, and graduated from the Western Illinois Normal College in 1900. He received his professional education in the law school of the University of Michigan and was admitted to the bar on October 18, 1909. He at once opened an office in Peoria, where he has practiced to the present time. For eight years he was a member of the firm of Eagleton & Stone and later was a member of the firm of McGrath, Stone, Daily & Michel for nine years, since which time he has practiced alone besides serving as master in chancery.

On April 2, 1925, Mr. Stone was united in marriage to Miss Alma Poppen, a native of Peoria and a daughter of H. T. Poppen. She was graduated from the Manual Training high school of Peoria, had two years of training in kindergarten work and attended the Bradley Polytechnic Institute, after which she taught in the Peoria public schools up to the time of her marriage. She is a member of the Peoria Women's Club and other women's organizations. Mr. and Mrs. Stone are the parents of a son, Claude U., Jr., born on April 30, 1926. By a former marriage he is the father of a daughter, Shielagh, born on March 20, 1914.

In his political views Mr. Stone is a democrat and has long been actively interested in public affairs. He served as county superintendent of schools of Peoria county from 1902 to 1910; represented the sixteenth congressional district in Congress three terms, 1911 to 1917; was postmaster of Peoria from 1917 to 1921, and in June, 1928, was appointed master in chancery, in which position he is still serving. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, in which he served for twelve months as a corporal of the Fourth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, having seen active service in Cuba. During the World war he was at the head of the Four-Minute speakers of Peoria county and was a member of various other committees. He and his wife are members of the Second Presbyterian Church and he has taught the

Bible class and several other classes in the Sunday school. He is a director of the Park View Cemetery Association and is a member of the Association of Commerce, the Creve Coeur Club, the University Club and the Peoria Country Club. Fraternally, he belongs to Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Peoria Lodge, No. 250, K. of P., of which he is a past chancellor commander; Peoria Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Peoria Lodge, No. 20, B. P. O. E., of which he is exalted ruler. He has thus filled a large place in the life of the community and is numbered among its useful and dependable citizens, having shown himself well worthy of the honors which have come to him.

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### EMANUEL JOHN COYLE

Emanuel J. Coyle, who has for several years been engaged in the practice of law in Carrollton, is making a splendid record as states attorney, as he did previously as city attorney. He was born at Galesburg, Knox county, Illinois, on the 27th of April, 1900, and is a son of John William and Katherine (Flynn) Coyle, both of whom are natives of this state, the father born at Kickapoo and the mother near Galesburg. J. W. Coyle and his wife are still residing in Galesburg. To their union were born three children, Emanuel J., of this review, Eloise, of Chicago, and Philip, who is at home. Emanuel J. Coyle received his elementary education in the public schools, and attended high school at Galesburg, after which he entered Kemper Military School, at Boonville, Missouri, from which he was graduated in 1919. His course there was interrupted by his service in the army during the war. He went into training at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry shortly after his eighteenth birthday and was one of the youngest men to ever receive a commission in the U. S. Army. He was then on detached service under Col. C. J. Crane, as his adjutant, at Houston, Texas, until the close of the war, being honorably discharged there in 1919. After completing his course at Kemper Military School,



Mr. Coyle took a six year course in commerce and law at the University of Illinois, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws from that institution in 1925. He was at once admitted to the bar, and located in Carrollton, where he has been engaged in the practice of his profession to the present time. He has been successful in building up a large and remunerative practice and is regarded as an able, sound and dependable attorney. He served as city attorney of Carrollton during 1926-27-28, and in April, 1928, was elected state's attorney, in which capacity he is still serving.

On February 20, 1925, Mr. Coyle was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Miller, of Oak Park, Illinois, a daughter of James W. and Katherine (Hymas) Miller. Her father, who was for many years superintendent of the Superior Coal Company at Gillespie, Illinois, was killed in an accident on the Illinois Traction Company line at Staunton, Illinois, in 1910. His widow died soon afterward in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Coyle are the parents of a son, John William, born on May 31, 1926. In his political views Mr. Coyle is a democrat, and he is a member of the Phi Delta Theta and Phi Delta Phi fraternities, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Columbus. He belongs to the Carrollton Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the local park board. His religious connection is with the Roman Catholic Church and he is an earnest supporter of every worthy cause looking to the advancement of his community. He possesses a splendid personality, is extremely popular among his associates and throughout the community is held in high regard.

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#### SAMUEL BENJAMIN, JR.

Samuel Benjamin, Jr., president of the Pekin Floral Company, has been a leading factor in developing this into one of the leading floral establishments of central Illinois. He was born in Tazewell county, Illinois, on the 1st of December, 1892, a son of Samuel, Sr., and Elizabeth (Dirksen) Benjamin, who were natives of Germany. The father emigrated to the United States and was an early settler of Illinois. He took up blacksmithing,

which he followed in Pekin during his remaining active years, and he is still a resident of this city. He is a strong republican in his political views and is a member of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church. His chief recreational activities are hunting and fishing. His wife came to Tazewell county as a member of one of its pioneer families and here spent the remainder of her life. She was a woman of pure and wholesome life, kindly and gracious in manner and devoted her life to her home and children. She was a member of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin were born fourteen children besides Samuel of this review, namely: Jennie, the wife of Pete Peterson, of Denver, Colorado; Fred, of Pekin, Illinois; Hattie, the wife of Otis Freed, of South Pekin, Illinois; Henry, of Pekin; Elizabeth, the wife of George Copeland, of Spring Lake, Illinois; Alice, the wife of Joe King, of Pekin; Alvin, of Pekin; John, Sophia, Walter, Florence and Martha, all of whom are deceased; Lloyd, of Pekin, and Constance, who is at home with her father.

Samuel Benjamin, Jr., attended the grade schools of Pekin to the age of fourteen years, when he went to work in the greenhouses of George A. Kuhl, with whom he remained six years. He was then with the Shantz Floral Company, of Pekin, until the World war. He enlisted in the United States Army in June, 1918, and was sent to Camp Wheeler, Georgia, where he failed to pass the required physical examination and was honorably discharged in July, 1918. Returning to Pekin, he rejoined the Shantz Floral Company, with which he remained until 1922, when he became associated with Frank and Charles Geisert and organized what is now known as the Pekin Floral Company, of which he is the president. He has given his attention closely to the business, which is now one of large importance, and holds a place among the leading business men of Pekin.

On May 5, 1928, Mr. Benjamin was united in marriage to Miss Emma Pfanz, a daughter of Henry and Emma (Soldwell) Pfanz, of Pekin. She was educated in the public and high schools of this city and is a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Church. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin live in one of the most attractive homes in Pekin located near the plant of the Pekin Floral Company. Mr. Benjamin is a strong republican in his political alignment and is

a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Pekin Chamber of Commerce. His religious connection is with St. Paul's Evangelical Church and he is never lacking in his support of those things which contribute to the promotion of the community's best interests. Fishing and hunting are his favorite forms of outdoor recreation and his cordial unassuming manner has gained for him the esteem of his fellow-men.

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### GEORGE RAY SENIFT

G. Ray Senift, an able and successful member of the Fulton county bar, who is now serving his second term as state's attorney, in which office he has had a notably creditable record, was born in Pickrell, Gage county, Nebraska, on the 11th of May, 1888, and is a son of George and Sarah D. (Knight) Senift. His father was born in Hampshire, Illinois, received a grade school education, and was a farmer and hardware merchant during the active years of his life. He was a republican in politics and was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he held official position for many years. An earnest student of the Bible and reader of religious works, he was known far and wide as a man of sterling character and upright life. He died, May 22, 1927, and is buried at Osmond, Nebraska. His father was a native of Germany, whence he came to the United States many years ago, becoming a pioneer settler at Hampshire, Illinois, where he devoted his active years to farming. Sarah D. (Knight) Senift was born at Dewitt, Iowa, and is a daughter of Amos and Mary Knight. She received a public school education, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and its various societies, and gives her political support to the republican party. She is of Scotch-English stock and is now residing at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

G. Ray Senift received his early education in the grade schools of Osmond, Nebraska, and graduated from Morningside Academy, at Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1911. He was an active member of the debating societies of that school and was a member of its



track and football teams. In 1911 he entered the law school of Northwestern University, at Evanston, Illinois, and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1915. Mr. Senift was admitted to the bar of Illinois the same year and at once entered upon the practice of his profession at Astoria, Fulton county, where he remained two years. On being appointed assistant state's attorney, he came to Canton, where he served for three years, at the end of which time he was elected judge of the city court of Canton. He served on that bench for three years but in 1924 resigned and in the fall of that year was elected state's attorney of Fulton county. So eminently satisfactory was his discharge of his official duties that in 1928 he was reelected and is still the incumbent of that position. He has handled a number of very important cases, the principal one being the apprehending and conviction of Andrew Bemley, who was wanted on several counts for murder and rape. On the murder charge he was sentenced to prison for life, and given an aggregate of two hundred and fifty years more on the other charges.

On May 16, 1915, Mr. Senift was united in marriage to Miss Mildred Hendee, of Isabel township, Fulton county, who was born May 14, 1889, was educated in the high school of Lewistown and Northwestern University, and is popular in social circles here. She specialized in vocal music and prior to her marriage taught both instrument and voice. She is a democrat in politics and is an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Senift are the parents of a daughter, Margaret Lenné, born October 16, 1917. The family home is at 245 West Walnut street, Canton.

Mr. Senift supports the republican party and has served on a number of important committees. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons at Canton, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite at Peoria, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has served for twelve years as a Sunday school teacher. He belongs to the State's Attorneys' Association and is held in very high regard throughout the ranks of his profession. A constant student of the law, he is capable and resourceful in the prosecution of causes and is absolutely trust-

worthy in every relation of life. He is a lover of outdoor sports, such as fishing and athletics, and enjoys golf. His hobby is the growing of roses, and he is the possessor of a very fine rose garden at his home. He maintains a deep interest in civic affairs, in which he is guided by high ideals, and no citizen of the community stands higher than he in public regard.

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### CLAYTON C. HAINES

Clayton C. Haines, a partner in the Hand & Haines Box Company, of Canton, and an enterprising business man, energetic and progressive, was born in McDonough county, near Bushnell, September 27, 1880, and is a son of Nehemiah and Rachel (Grimm) Haines. His father, who was a son of Harrison Haines, was born near Canton, Illinois, in May, 1845, and devoted the greater part of his life to farming. On moving to Canton he engaged in the grocery business, which he carried on to the time of his death, which occurred May 9, 1909. In his political views he was a democrat. He was largely a self educated man, reading widely, and was a man of sterling integrity, greatly respected by those who knew him. He is survived by his widow, who was born at Columbus, Ohio, in 1844, and now resides in Galesburg, Illinois. She is an active member of the United Brethren Church and is remarkably well preserved for her advanced years.

Clayton C. Haines was educated in the public schools of McDonough county and became a resident of Canton in 1900, when he went to work in a grocery store, which employment he followed for fifteen years. He then became a traveling representative for the Van Camp Packing Company, with which he was identified until 1920, when he bought an interest in his present business, the Hand & Haines Box Company, the history of which is given in the sketch of Mr. Haines' partner and brother-in-law, Jesse E. Hand, on other pages of this work.

Mr. Haines was married, May 12, 1906, to Miss Aura Del Lewis, who was born in Bryant, Illinois, April 25, 1878, and was there educated. She was a member of the Library Club and the Progressive Housekeepers Club. She is an accomplished pianist

and has taught piano. She is greatly interested in the civic, social and club life of Canton and is popular in the circles in which she moves. Mr. Haines is a member of the Travelers Protective Association and in politics is independent, though leaning to the republican party. He is a good citizen, in the best sense of the term and is well liked by all who know him.

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### FRANK GEISERT

Frank Geisert, of the Pekin Floral Company, is one of the prominent figures in the commercial circles of Pekin and is regarded as an expert in his present line of activity, having been identified with the floral business for nearly thirty years. He was born in the city of which he is still a resident February 2, 1885, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Klinge) Geisert. His father, who is the oldest resident of Pekin, was born in Germany, March 5, 1836, and came to this city in the pioneer days of the community. During his active career he followed the tailoring business, and during the days of the early gold boom in Colorado he went to Central City, that state, where he was in business for some time. As a business man he was noted for his thoroughness in everything which he undertook and for his honesty and stability of character. He is a republican in his political views and has always been active in politics and public affairs, though he has never sought office for himself. During the earlier years of his life he was a constant and studious reader and is a remarkably well informed man. Mr. Geisert is a veteran of the Civil war. He enlisted in the Forty-fifth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving under Grant and Sherman at the battles of Nashville and Peach Tree Creek. He owns his home and other valuable real estate in Pekin and is one of this community's most highly esteemed citizens. His wife was born in Germany in 1846 and died in 1914, being buried in Lakeside cemetery. She was quiet and reserved in manner, being interested chiefly in her home and family, and was a faithful member of St. Paul's Evangelical Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Geisert were born eight children, as follows: Fred, of Pekin; Frank; Lillian, the wife of Wil-



liam Keiser, of Pekin; Minnie, the wife of Jules Bruchner, of Pekin; Emma, of Pekin; Charles, a sketch of whom appears on other pages of this work; and Edwin and Albert Louis, both of whom are deceased.

Frank Geisert attended the public schools of Pekin until sixteen years of age, when he went to work for the Kuhl Floral Company, of Pekin, with which he was connected for twenty-one years, during which period he acquired an intimate and practical knowledge of every phase of the business. In 1922 he resigned that position and became identified with the Pekin Floral Company, with which he is still connected. This well known concern is numbered among the leading florist establishments of this section of the state.

Mr. Geisert is a stanch republican in his political views and though he never seeks public office, has shown a helpful interest in matters affecting the welfare of his city and county. He belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Association of Commerce. He is an active worker in civic affairs, a leader in commercial circles and is intensely loyal in his support of the community's best interests. He is a reader of good literature and a lover of outdoor life, being particularly interested in athletics, fishing and hunting.

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### CHARLES ALBERT DILL

Charles Albert Dill, an officer of the Rushville Motor Company and an energetic young business man of recognized ability, was born in North Platte, Nebraska, October 30, 1898. His parents were Charles Albert Dill, Sr., and Mary (Yost) Dill, the former born in Springfield, Illinois, January 2, 1858, and the latter in Germany, July 28, 1876. Mrs. Mary (Yost) Dill came to America in April, 1886, and was married in North Platte, Nebraska, April 15, 1896. She was one of ten children born to Henry and Anna Marie (Beier) Yost, both of whom were natives of Germany, the former born November 9, 1834, and the latter May 12, 1841. They were married in Germany, December 6,

1859, and after crossing the Atlantic took up their abode in North Platte, Nebraska, where Henry Yost followed his trade of harness maker for many years and where he passed away January 29, 1923. His wife, Mrs. Anna Marie (Beier) Yost, died in North Platte, Nebraska, September 16, 1920. Their ten children, all natives of Stockhausen, Germany, were as follows: Caroline, born July 9, 1862; Mrs. Elizabeth Scharmann, born November 19, 1864; Henry Yost, Jr., who was born September 2, 1866, and died in North Platte, Nebraska, January 16, 1903; Mrs. Anna M. Brodbeck, born in August, 1868; George Charles, born November 4, 1872; Charles William, born October 21, 1874; Mrs. Mary (Yost) Dill, born July 28, 1876; Mrs. Katherine Austin, born December 28, 1878; Andrew Thomas, born December 8, 1880; and Mrs. Ella Thayer, born May 18, 1883.

Charles Albert Dill, Sr., the father of Charles A. Dill of this review, was a son of Albert Mapes and Julie Ann (Hoover) Dill, the former born in Boston, Massachusetts, in December, 1825, and the latter in Crestline, Ohio, February 24, 1837. Their marriage was celebrated in Racine, Wisconsin, April 3, 1857. Albert Mapes Dill was among the first mechanics employed in the North Platte, Nebraska, shops of the Union Pacific Railroad, and his death occurred at that place in October, 1907. His wife long survived him, passing away in Jacksonville, Illinois, August 20, 1928. Their family numbered four children, all natives of Springfield, Illinois, as follows: Charles Albert Dill, Sr., who was born January 2, 1858, and died January 17, 1918; Harriet Emily, who was born in August, 1859, and died in North Platte, Nebraska, in April, 1910; Laura Francis, born in March, 1861; and William E., who was born in March, 1863, and passed away in North Platte, Nebraska, in December, 1897.

Charles Albert Dill, whose name introduces this review, has one sister, Gertrude Marion, born July 26, 1896. She was graduated from the Starrett School for Girls, located in Chicago, and is now with the Carroll-Dean-Murphy Advertising Company of that city. Charles A. Dill was graduated from the Wendell Phillips high school in 1917 and during his senior year was a member of its football team. He aided in winning for it the basket-ball championship, and he also played on the baseball

team. In 1917 he joined the clerical force of the Illinois Central Railroad at Weldon, working for three months in the track department, and was then assigned duties in the freight depot. In 1918 he was made chief clerk to the train master on the St. Charles Air Line and was next transferred to the superintendent's office. Soon afterward he became chief clerk to the superintendent and resigned the position in February, 1919, when he entered the service of the Chicago & Great Western Railroad as secretary to the vice president. A few months later he was sent to their office in St. Paul, Minnesota, as chief clerk to the superintendent, returning to Chicago in October, 1919, and was secretary to the manager of the Erie Railroad until May, 1920. Terminating his railroad work at that time, he acted as secretary to the manager of the Ford Motor Company of Chicago for four years and in 1924 left that city to assume the duties of secretary and treasurer of the newly incorporated Rushville Motor Company. These offices he has since occupied, exerting every effort to further the interests of the company, and his well directed labors ably supplement those of its president, P. Jay Park. They are agents for the Ford cars and trucks, also selling Mobilgas, Mobiloil and Quaker State oil, and conduct a business of large proportions.

On the 3d of September, 1919, Mr. Dill was married to Miss Florence J. Wang, who was born in Chicago, October 6, 1898, her parents being Victor A. and Jennie (Larsen) Wang, the former born in England, September 28, 1852, and the latter in Norway, May 4, 1865. Their marriage took place December 25, 1886, in Chicago, Illinois, where Victor A. Wang passed away November 27, 1920. Their seven children, all born in Chicago, were as follows: Arthur, who was born November 30, 1887, and died in April, 1917; Alfred, born August 24, 1889; Lawrence, born October 1, 1891; Elmer, August 30, 1895; Florence J., October 6, 1898; Ellinor, September 16, 1900; and Charles, who was born December 4, 1905, and died November 9, 1908. Mrs. Florence J. Dill was graduated from the Wendell Phillips high school of Chicago and prior to her marriage was in the employ of Swift & Company. Mr. and Mrs. Dill now have four children: Marijane Beverly, who was born June 30, 1920; Charles A.



(III), born April 11, 1922; Bettie Jean, February 22, 1924; and Richard Le Roy, August 30, 1927. All are natives of Chicago except the youngest child, who was born in Rushville.

The parents are active in the work of the Rushville Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Dill is a steward, while his wife is a member of its choir. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and fraternally he is a Mason, identified with Rushville Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A. M.; Rushville Chapter, No. 134, R. A. M.; Rushville Commandery, No. 56, K. T.; and Ansar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Springfield, Illinois. In outdoor life he finds his recreation, indulging in golf, hunting, fishing and other sports when the opportunity affords. He belongs to the Scripps Park Golf Club and is a member of its golf team and also of the Scripps Park House committee. In the activities of the Rushville Community Club he has taken a prominent part, serving as its president in 1929, and is now secretary of the 22 Club. His interests are closely allied with those of Rushville, which has gained in Mr. Dill a progressive business man of high standing and an influential and valuable citizen. Early in life he realized the fact that advancement depends upon perseverance and thorough, conscientious work and each step in his career has been an upward one, bringing him a broader outlook and wider opportunities.

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### HENRY J. LARSON

Henry J. Larson has rendered to Newark and vicinity a high type of service as a funeral director for the past dozen years and has built up a splendid volume of business in his line. He was born in Gardner, Grundy county, Illinois, December 14, 1894, his parents being L. H. and Mary (Christenson) Larson. His father, who was also born and reared at Gardner, has for many years been engaged in the furniture and undertaking business and has been successful in his affairs. His wife was born in Norway and was brought to the United States when eighteen years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Larson were born three children, namely: Henry J.; Alice, who is the wife of H. L. Weidling, of Chicago;

and Leonard, who is in the undertaking and furniture business at Gardner.

Henry J. Larson completed the courses of the public and high schools, after which he entered the Worsham School of Anatomy, Sanitary Science and Embalming, from which he was graduated from the embalming course. He soon afterward received a state license, at which time he was one of the youngest embalmers in Illinois. He now has a thoroughly modern mortuary, including a neat and well furnished chapel, while all of the appointments of the place are such as are suggested by good taste and with the object of giving the highest degree of efficiency in service.

On October 6, 1921, Mr. Larson was united in marriage to Marie Freeland, a daughter of Sam and Anna (Gunderson) Hanson. To them have been born two children, Henry M., who died in infancy, and Charlotte, born September 9, 1925. Mr. Larson is a stanch republican in his political views, and an earnest member of the Lutheran Church. He served in Company M, Sixth United States Infantry in France in the World war, was wounded in the Meuse-Argonne offensive and belongs to the American Legion. He has proven a broad gauged and public-spirited citizen, alive to the best interests of the community, and is regarded as one of Newark's enterprising and useful residents.

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### JAMES WILLIAM STAGGS

James W. Staggs, one of Fulton county's widely known and most successful farmers, was born in Union township, this county, on March 26, 1856, and is a son of James T. and Sara Ann (Kutchler) Staggs. His father was born in Ross county, Ohio, August 26, 1830, and his mother in the state of New Jersey, June 20, 1833. James T. Staggs, who was reared to the life of a farmer, came to Fulton county in 1849, when about nineteen years of age, and bought eighty acres of land in section 28, Union township. There he successfully carried on agricultural pursuits until his death, on May 18, 1902. His wife had passed away on December 20, 1887. They were the parents of five children, John Henry, James William, G. M., Mary E. and Mina S.

James W. Staggs was reared on his father's farm, where he has lived continuously since, with the exception of a three year period, 1893 to 1896, when he resided in Abingdon, this state. He completed his education in the high school at Avon, and has always followed farming as a vocation. That he has been successful is evidenced by the fact that he has become the owner of four hundred acres of fine, well improved land, and has always held a place among the leading farmers of his locality.

On September 7, 1882, at Avon, Illinois, Mr. Staggs was married to Miss Ida E. Little, who was born in Mercer county, Illinois, on February 9, 1860. She is a daughter of William F. and Elizabeth (Shoemaker) Little, who were natives respectively of Illinois and Virginia. To Mr. and Mrs. Staggs were born six children, Mina E., William F., Edna B., James G. B., Jessie L. and Cordelia. Mr. Staggs has always supported the republican party and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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### ROBERT H. ALLISON

The career of Robert H. Allison, an able, successful and well known lawyer at Pekin, should be a tremendous stimulus toward success to every young man who reads this review, for he refused to be discouraged by an accident which seriously crippled him before he was out of his teens and, through his determination, close application and mental alertness, not only acquired a good education, but has achieved a high place in his profession, being one of Pekin's most highly respected attorneys. Mr. Allison was born in Maynard, Ohio, on the 25th of July, 1894, and is a son of John and Emma V. (Elifritz) Allison. His paternal grandparents, John and Jane (Burke) Allison, were natives of Scotland, and died in Ireland. Mr. Allison was a millwright in Glasgow, Scotland. Their son John, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1850, and died on September 30, 1926, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He was a coal miner during the early years of his life, but later was employed in the Nissen Wagon Works at Winston-Salem. He was reared and educated in Scotland, and came to the United States at the age of twenty years. He first





ROBERT H. ALLISON



located in Fall River, Massachusetts, moving from there to Bridgeport, Ohio, where he lived until 1910, when he went to North Carolina. He was a republican in his political views and was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Emma V. (Elifritz) Allison was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, on October 24, 1855, and is still residing in Winston-Salem. She is a daughter of O. K. and Emma (Hubbard) Elifritz. Her father was a native and lifelong resident of Wheeling, where he was employed as a blacksmith and wagonmaker. At the outbreak of the Civil war he volunteered and served in the Union Army throughout that struggle as a member of the West Virginia Light Artillery. He served as a dispatch bearer at the battle of Gettysburg. He belonged to the Zane Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Wheeling and served a number of years as its choir director. His wife was a native of Kentucky, and her death occurred in Wheeling. Mr. Allison is related to the noted Zane family through his maternal ancestry.

Robert H. Allison attended the public schools in Ohio and Pennsylvania. He secured a position as electrician in a coal mine in Pennsylvania and while in the line of duty met with an accident which resulted in the amputation of his left arm above the elbow. Thus deprived of the opportunity of working at his trade, or any manual occupation in fact, the future looked pretty black for him. However, he took an inventory of his situation, facing it squarely, and decided that the most practical solution of his difficulty was to secure an education and follow some calling in which brains, not horse power, counted. He enrolled in the high school at California, Pennsylvania, where he completed three years of high school work. About that time a friend told him of Blackburn College, at Carlinville, Illinois, where young men and women, with plenty of grit and industry, but not much ready cash, are given a chance to work for their education. He entered that institution and there felt that he had found the road to success, for he was securing an education. While in that school he gained a wide reputation for his ability as a baseball and football player, being made the captain of the base ball team during his second college year. The loss of one arm seemed not to interfere with his ability either as a batter or fielder in baseball.



He played right field, with a glove on his right hand, and was really a remarkable fielder, rarely missing a ball. After catching the ball he would toss it into the air, throw off the glove, catch the ball again and throw down to base as quickly as the average player is able to get it there. After a while he secured work with the pick and shovel gang in a coal mine at Carlinville, and for a month he held his place with the two-handed laborers. He was then promoted to the electric shop after he had proven to the superintendent that he could punch rivets with one hand, through the use of a contrivance of his own making. Before college opened in the fall Mr. Allison took the examination for state mine examiner and, having passed satisfactorily, was appointed examiner in a mine close to the college, at a salary of one hundred and seventy-five dollars a month. Later he successfully passed the examination for mine manager.

On completing his junior college education at Blackburn, during which period he had carefully husbanded his financial resources, he entered the law school of Washington University, but at the end of one semester he transferred to the Illinois Wesleyan University, at Bloomington, Illinois, from which he was graduated, with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws, in 1923. On July 15th of that year he opened a law office in Pekin in partnership with H. A. Ballenger, under the firm name of Ballenger & Allison. Ten months later this partnership was dissolved and Mr. Allison practiced alone until November, 1927, when he formed a partnership with W. A. Potts, under the firm name of Potts & Allison. They are located in the Arcade building, where they conduct a general practice, and Mr. Allison is today regarded as one of Tazewell county's able, resourceful and dependable lawyers.

On July 4, 1924, at Carrollton, Illinois, Mr. Allison was united in marriage to Miss Kittie Lucile Meldrum, who was born and reared at that place and is a daughter of W. W. and Mattie (Beebe) Meldrum, the former of whom is a farmer and he and his wife are still residing at Carrollton. Mrs. Allison is a graduate of the Carrollton high school and Blackburn College, and taught school for five years prior to her marriage. She is a member of the Pekin Women's Club and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison are the parents of two children, namely, Nita Mae, born on December 23, 1925, and Robert Howard, born on November 21, 1926.

The republican party receives Mr. Allison's support and he is now serving as a justice of the peace, to which office he was elected in 1925. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is district president, and the Modern Woodmen of America. During the late war he was president of the student body of Blackburn College and was active in the Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives. He is a member of the Phi Alpha Delta Law fraternity. He and his wife are active members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was assistant superintendent of the Sunday school for a number of years, being also vice president of the Christian Endeavor Society and the Men's Club. He is a member of the Tazewell County Bar Association, and the Illinois State Bar Association. He enjoys hunting, fishing and other outdoor sports as a means of recreation and is a very popular member of the social circles in which he moves. He has shown a keen interest in everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of his community and because of his splendid success and his estimable personal qualities he is greatly respected throughout the range of his acquaintance.

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#### MISS KATHARINE E. JENKINS

Miss Katharine E. Jenkins, the capable librarian of the El Paso public library, has spent her life in this community, enjoys a wide acquaintance and has shown a constant and effective interest in everything which concerns the public welfare. A native of El Paso, she is a daughter of Isaac and Caroline (Bicking) Jenkins. Her family is of sterling Welsh stock, the progenitor in this country having arrived here in 1690, settling in Pennsylvania. Among his descendants was David Jenkins, who was a member of the Provincial Congress and later served as a major in the war of the Revolution. He was a resident of Pennsylvania. His son, Isaac, was born in Churchtown, Pennsylvania, and in

an early day came to Illinois, becoming a pioneer of Woodford county. He was a farmer and merchant and erected the first store building in El Paso. He was accompanied to this locality by his brothers William and Robert, the former of whom served as the first postmaster at El Paso. "Uncle Ike" Jenkins, as he was affectionately known by his fellow townsmen, was a democrat in politics and was an active and faithful member of the Presbyterian Church. He had received only a grade school education, but was always a close and studious reader and became a remarkably well informed man on a wide range of subjects. He was fond of hunting and fishing, and was a genial, kindly and generous man, commanding the uniform respect of all who knew him. His death occurred December 18, 1880. On May 12, 1853, Isaac Jenkins was married to Miss Caroline Bicking, the ceremony being performed at Morris, Illinois. Miss Bicking, who was of English descent, was born at Coatsville, Pennsylvania, June 29, 1832, and came to Illinois to live with an aunt at Morris. She was well educated and highly cultured, a constant reader, fond of the company of her many friends. She was a devoted member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and was a woman of strong character, gracious manner and kindly impulses. She died November 12, 1907, and is buried at El Paso.

Katharine E. Jenkins received her education in the public schools of El Paso, graduating from high school in 1893. She taught school for some time and later engaged in the insurance business. She still gives much of her spare time to interior art work, but since July, 1929, has held the position of librarian of the El Paso public library, to which institution detailed reference is made on other pages of this work. She possesses to a marked degree the necessary qualifications for this work, being familiar with general literature and always interested in books. She is courteous and accommodating, is greatly interested in children and schools, and exerts herself to make the library what it should be, a real medium of service to the entire community. She is greatly interested in nature, has traveled extensively and is a delightful companion, extremely popular in the social circles in which she moves. Miss Jenkins gives her political support to the democratic party and her religious connection is with the Protest-



ant Episcopal Church. She holds a life membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution, belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star, of which she is a past worthy matron, is active in the work of the Women's Club and belongs to the State Library Association.

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### J. E. HARTSTIRN

Hartstirn's Quality Bakery is one of Canton's best known business institutions and its owner, J. E. Hartstirn, is one of this city's public-spirited and progressive residents. He was born in Pirmasens, Germany, on the 6th of September, 1883, and is a son of Jacob and Adelaide (Zumstein) Hartstirn, to whom were born seven children: J. E.; Albert, a farmer near Canton; Hugo L., a machinist in South Bend, Indiana; Ludwig, a baker in New York city; and three daughters, Adelgunde, Anna and Elsa, who still live in Germany.

J. E. Hartstirn attended a trade school in his native country for ten years, during which time he learned the baking trade, following that work until 1899. In 1907 he came to the United States, locating at once in Canton, Illinois, where he secured employment in a bakery, and for a number of years worked in various shops. In 1920 he bought a bakery at 25 White court, which he named Hartstirn's Quality Bakery, and he carried the business on there until 1926, when he bought the two-story brick building at 37 East Chestnut street, formerly owned by the Pabst Brewing Company, in which he has continued his business to the present time. The building is well adapted to the purpose for which it is used, and contains a full equipment of modern machinery and appliances, the bread being hardly touched by human hands during the manufacturing process. He makes pies, cookies, cakes and other pastries, and has won a wide reputation for his famous salt-rising bread, which he ships out in large quantities, even as far away as New York city and Minneapolis, Minnesota. About fifteen persons are employed in the plant and three trucks are utilized in making deliveries to the local trade and outlying towns. The bakery also has a retail department. Particular attention

is paid to the sanitary phase of the business and cleanliness is the first law of the shop. Mr. Hartstirn has also bought the building adjoining, 45 East Chestnut street, on which he intends to build a large addition and bakery at the rear, so as to supplement his present productive capacity very materially.

On September 25, 1912, Mr. Hartstirn was united in marriage to Miss Mary Kettenring, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kettenring and of German descent. Mrs. Hartstirn has four sisters and a brother, namely: Mrs. Ida Detmers, of San Antonio, Texas; Mrs. Henry Utsinger, of Fulton county, Illinois; Mrs. F. L. Dodson, of Canton, Illinois; Mrs. Frank Shringer, of Canton; and Hugo, of Fulton county. Mrs. Hartstirn was educated in the public schools of Fulton county, is a member of the Lutheran Church and belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Hartstirn had three children, namely: Dorothy Elizabeth, born July 3, 1913, now in high school; Lucile, born October 24, 1915; and Eva Ray, who was born August 4, 1919, and died in 1921.

Mr. Hartstirn is a member of the Masonic order, in which he has attained the Knight Templar degree, belonging to the Commandery in Havana, Illinois and the Consistory and Shrine at Peoria; the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; the Modern Woodmen of America; the Travelers Protective Association; the Canton Gun Club; the Kiwanis Club; and the Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a director. He belongs to the Young Men's Christian Association and is serving as executive officer of the Boy Scouts. He is an active worker in civic affairs and is one of Canton's most persistent and effective boosters.

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### FRANK GAIN

Frank Gain, who has served as postmaster at Astoria for the past eight years, holds a leading place in his community, where he has spent practically all his life, and his record has gained for him high standing among his fellowmen. He was born at Astoria on January 16, 1896, and is one of ten children who blessed the union of William A. and Corda M. (Onion) Gain. The other

children were as follows: Leslie W. and Ernest, of Rushville, Illinois; Perry, Raymond, John, Melvin and Alvin, of Astoria; Alice E., the wife of C. A. France, of Macomb, Illinois, and Clarice, of Macomb. Frank Gain attended the public schools of Astoria, graduating from high school in 1913, after which he attended the American Bureau of Engineering, at Chicago, in which he studied electricity. Returning to Astoria, he worked with his father for a time, and then went to Peoria, this state, where he followed the business of floriculture until September 13, 1917. On that date he enlisted for service in the World war and went into training at Jefferson Barracks, where he remained a short time and was then sent to Camp Grant. There he was assigned to the Twenty-first Regiment of Engineers, Eighty-sixth Division. Sailing from Hoboken, New Jersey, he landed with his command at St. Nazaire, France. Most of his time overseas was spent at La Rochelle, where his regiment was engaged in the building of railroads until the signing of the Armistice. Mr. Gain sailed for home on April 16, 1919, landed at New York city, and was honorably discharged, with the rank of sergeant, at Camp Grant on May 14th. Soon afterward Mr. Gain joined the Reserves, in which he was commissioned second lieutenant on August 29, 1924, and was promoted to first lieutenant on March 14, 1930. He attends the annual encampment at Jeffersonville, Indiana.

On returning to civil life, Mr. Gain went to work for the Peoria & Pekin Union Railroad, and later became a railroad mail clerk out of Peoria. He served in that capacity for a short time and on July 1, 1923, was appointed postmaster at Astoria, in which capacity he is still serving.

On June 4, 1921, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Gain to Miss Nettye A. Johnson, a daughter of Enoch and Leona B. (Rice) Johnson, of Astoria, of whom the former is a coal operator in this vicinity. Mrs. Gain graduated from the Astoria high school in 1920, and has been very active in local civic and social affairs. She belongs to the Christian Church and is a member of the Pythian Sisters, the Order of the Eastern Star, in which she is an officer, and the American Legion Auxiliary. While in high school she took a leading part in athletic affairs and is still greatly interested in outdoor sports. Mr. and Mrs. Gain are the



parents of three children, namely: Patricia Louise, born July 12, 1924; Philip Eugene, born February 24, 1926, and James Edward, born January 20, 1930.

Mr. Gain is a staunch republican in his political views and is a member of the Christian Church. Fraternally, he belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has passed through the chairs; the Knights of Pythias, of which he is master of exchequer; the American Legion, of which he was post commander in 1926, and the Forty and Eight. He is greatly interested in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the ex-soldiers. He belongs to the National and District Leagues of Postmasters, the Quartermasters' Association and the Astoria Community Club, and takes an active part in the civic affairs of his community and county. Mr. Gain is an ardent hunter and fisherman. He is an expert shot and in 1929 won silver cups as first prizes in shooting with rifle and pistol, as a member of the Town Guards. He is greatly interested in athletics and educational matters and his hobby is radio and electrical mechanics. He has made a splendid record as postmaster, taking great pride in giving the best possible service to his community, and he has well merited the high place which he holds in public esteem.

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### WASHINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The public library of Washington, Tazewell county, was established by the Mothers' Club of that place in 1927, and at once demonstrated its usefulness to the community, as was evidenced by the quick response on the part of the people to the opportunity thus provided for their use. The library is housed in the city hall, without cost for rent, heat or light. The library shelves now contain about two thousand volumes, embracing a well selected list of history, reference works, fiction, non-fiction and juvenile works. On the present library board are Mrs. H. A. Linser, president; Mrs. L. H. Wehner, secretary; Mrs. P. R. Goddard, treasurer; Mrs. H. L. Blumenshine, Mrs. Bert Weeks, Mrs. O. C. Renfer and Mrs. L. A. Hoefflin. The first librarian was Miss Bernice Weeks, who was succeeded by Miss Nellie Ropp. The latter was

followed by Miss Ellen Gorin and in February, 1929, the present librarian, Miss Florence I. Muller, assumed charge. The library is now supported by the city and township boards in conjunction, as well as by gifts from individuals. Books are loaned without charge to anyone in the township and it is the purpose of the board to put several hundred new volumes on the library shelves during the coming year.

Miss Florence I. Muller, whose very efficient work is contributing largely to the success of the library, was born in Washington, Illinois, July 12, 1902, and is a daughter of George B. and Otila (Habben) Muller, prominent farming people of this locality. She attended the public schools of Washington, was in high school two years, and has always been extremely fond of books. She has shown a natural aptitude for the work in which she is now engaged and it is her intention to devote her life thereto. She is courteous and accommodating in her relations with the public and is recognized as a capable and efficient librarian.

Miss Muller is a democrat in her political views and is a leader among young people in civic work. She is an active and loyal member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star and the Grange. She is fond of outdoor athletics, particularly of golf and tennis, and her indoor interest is mainly in books, being a constant reader of educational literature. All things worth while claim her attention and she is exceedingly popular in the social circles to which she belongs.

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### ORA LEE CAMPBELL, D. V. M.

One of the Illinois River Valley's best known veterinarians is Dr. Ora Lee Campbell, of Astoria, where he has been engaged in the practice of his profession for the past sixteen years. He was born in a log house at Bloomfield, Illinois, on the 25th of October, 1886, and is a son of S. D. and Alice (Davis) Campbell. The family was established in this state by his grandfather, Aaron Campbell, who was a native of Kentucky and removed from near Mayfield, that state, to Illinois, in an early day, in company with three of his brothers. His son, S. D. Campbell, was born on July 7,

1856, and during his active years followed farming pursuits and the breeding and raising of fine road horses. He is now retired from active affairs and lives in Winchester, Illinois, though he has in no wise relinquished his interest in farming matters. He is a republican in his political views and for many years served as committeeman from Bloomfield. He has served as justice of the peace and has always shown a deep interest in local public affairs. He is progressive in his ideas and has been active and effective in his support of those things which have been of benefit to the community. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Court of Honor, and his religious connection is with the Christian Church, of which he is a deacon. Alice (Davis) Campbell was born in Scott county, Illinois, on January 23, 1867, and is a daughter of James B. and Panthea (Gregory) Davis. Her family came to Illinois in early pioneer days and its members usually were farmers by vocation. She belongs to the Baptist Church and supports the republican party. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell became the parents of four children, namely: Ora Lee; Oattie Monroe, of Winchester, Illinois; Oral Eddie, of Winchester, Illinois, and Maggie Panthea, the wife of Frank Towle.

Ora Lee Campbell received his early education in the public schools of Scott county. After attending high school at Winchester, he attended Valparaiso University, at Valparaiso, Indiana. He taught for about six years in the schools of Scott county and then entered the Kansas City Veterinary College, at Kansas City, Missouri, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, in 1914. While in school he was president of the Veterinary College Association and was a member of the football team. After graduation, he came to Astoria and entered upon the practice of his profession, in which success attended him from the start, and for many years he has been recognized as one of the ablest and most reliable veterinarians in this section of the state. In May, 1917, Dr. Campbell's private practice was interrupted by his enlistment for service in the World war. Enlisting at Kansas City, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and was ordered overseas, sailing on the transport New York. Landing at Havre, France, he was soon assigned to the First Division, Regular Army, and in December, 1917, was



promoted to first lieutenant. Subsequently he was promoted to a captaincy and was put in command of the Third Veterinary Hospital at Le Valdahon, France, also acting as division veterinary for the Second Division. He spent the greater part of his time in France between Nancy and Metz, and helped to buy all of the horses for the First Division while in that country. He was seriously injured in the line of duty and was confined to the hospital at Dijon and in the Veterans' Hospital in the United States, undergoing three operations after returning to this country. He was honorably discharged at Fort Sheridan in May, 1919, and at once resumed his practice at Astoria, in which he is still engaged. Dr. Campbell now holds a commission as lieutenant-colonel in the Army Reserve and attends the annual encampment at Camp Custer, Michigan. In addition to his large general practice, he is also serving as state veterinary inspector for Fulton county. He specializes in surgery, in which he has demonstrated great skill, and stands in the front rank of his profession.

On October 25, 1914, Dr. Campbell was united in marriage to Miss Ola May Priest, who was born in Scott county, Illinois, on February 22, 1894, and is a daughter of John and Rilda (Blair) Priest, of whom the former was a native of Ohio. Mrs. Campbell was educated in the public schools of her native community, is an accomplished pianist and is a very popular member of her social circles. She is a republican in politics, is very active in the affairs of the Baptist Church and belongs to the Auxiliary of the American Legion. Dr. and Mrs. Campbell are the parents of four children, as follows: Margaret Imogene, born October 20, 1917; John Douglas, born February 22, 1920; Virginia Lee, born in July, 1922, and Bernard Devere, born in April, 1924.

Mr. Campbell gives his political support to the republican party and has been active in local public affairs. For a number of years he served as president of the school board, served as party committeeman from Astoria and is a deputy sheriff of Fulton county. He belongs to Astoria Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Vermont Chapter, R. A. M., at Vermont, this county; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R., at Peoria; Astoria Lodge, K. P.; Astoria Post, A. L., of which he was the organizer and is service officer and historian; the Forty and Eight, of which he is a past officer, and the Astoria

Community Club, of which he is a member of the executive committee. He is a Baptist in his religious faith and gives his support to every cause which has for its object the betterment of society and the advancement of the community. Professionally, Dr. Campbell is affiliated with the Illinois State Veterinary Association, the Mississippi Valley Veterinary Association and the American Veterinary Association. As Dr. Campbell has prospered he has wisely invested in farm lands in the vicinity of Astoria and is now very comfortably situated. He is a lover of fine live stock, is fond of horse racing and greatly interested in athletics, particularly baseball, while his favorite forms of outdoor recreation are fishing and hunting. He is one of Astoria's most influential citizens, being a leader in local public affairs, and his record as soldier, professional man and private citizen has gained for him the respect of all who know him.

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### RUSHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Rushville Public Library was established in February, 1913, by the Federated Woman's Club, which purchased the lot and then secured from the Carnegie Foundation the sum of seven thousand, five hundred dollars for the construction of a building which is located at Monroe and Washington streets in Rushville. The board now consists of Mrs. Maude Griffith, T. E. Bottenberg, Thomas Sweeney, William S. Henderson, Miss Gertrude Work, Mrs. F. L. Warrington, Miss Mabel Eyler and R. G. Smith.

There are about five thousand volumes in the library, covering the entire field of literature, and they are catalogued in regular library style. The library takes thirty-two different magazines and each year the book collection is augmented. The library is supported by a city tax and is free to residents of Rushville. Albert Morris Bagby, who was born in Rushville and is now a musician in New York, has given to the library many volumes, statues and pictures. The library is a progressive institution and is used extensively by the schools and also by the residents of the town. It is open each day from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m. and from 7 p. m. to 9 p. m. The building is of brick and is heated by

steam supplied by its own plant. It has a full basement, which is used by the Federated Woman's Club as a meeting place. The first librarian was Miss Beulah Hodgson, who remained in charge for eighteen months. The next librarian was Miss Nora Trimble, who served for about a year. The present librarian, Miss Rosa Jackson, assumed the duties of the position in 1917.

Miss Jackson was born in Rushville, March 3, 1875, and is a daughter of David Jackson. Her great-grandfather, Levi Jackson, was a native of Connecticut and left that state for Ohio, whence he came to Illinois in 1836, settling in the vicinity of Rushville, being numbered among the pioneer agriculturists of Schuyler county. David Jackson, the father of Rosa Jackson, was born on the home place March 9, 1846, and has always remained in this locality. He followed farming in early life but subsequently became a harness-maker. He adheres to the political belief of the family, casting his ballot for the candidates of the republican party. On the 30th of January, 1866, he married Miss Frances Jane Bowen, who was born in Monroe, Wisconsin, August 10, 1848, and is now deceased. She was a daughter of John T. Bowen, who in 1832 accompanied his father, Basil Bowen, on the removal from Maryland to Illinois. John T. Bowen married Martha Orvis, a member of a Vermont family. In 1861 he joined Company B of the Forty-sixth Regiment of Illinois Infantry and served in the Union Army throughout the Civil war. His daughter, Mrs. David Jackson, was a Presbyterian in religious faith and her unselfish disposition, kindly nature and devotion to her church, her family and friends were traits that endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. To Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were born six children: Amanda, now Mrs. Frank Beaston, of Littleton, Illinois; John E., who lives in Centralia, Missouri; Le Roy, of Rushville; David E., a resident of Missoula, Montana; Herman, deceased; and Rosa.

Miss Jackson pursued her education in the public schools of Rushville until her graduation from high school as a member of the class of 1896 and later was a student in the Western Illinois State Teachers College at Macomb, where she prepared for the career of a librarian. She started in life as a saleswoman, continuing in that line of work until she became a librarian, and by



reason of her ability and training is thoroughly qualified for the important office which she has acceptably filled for fourteen years. Miss Jackson is intensely interested in her work and under her capable and efficient direction the Rushville Public Library has steadily broadened its field of usefulness. Her religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church, in which she has long held membership. In the course of her service as librarian she has formed a wide acquaintance and her pleasing personality, innate courtesy and genuine worth have gained for her a high place in the esteem of Rushville's citizens, with whom her life has been passed.

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### LLOYD R. WINN

Lloyd R. Winn, who is rendering capable service as postmaster at White Hall, is a member of a family of which five generations have lived in Greene county and have been actively engaged in business here. His great-grandfather, George E. Winn, moved from Richmond, Virginia, to Rising Sun, Indiana, and later came to Carrollton, Illinois. His son, George E., was a gunsmith and machinist, and established a foundry and machine shop in Carrollton, later moving the plant to White Hall. Both he and his wife were in the United States service during the Civil war, she as a nurse and he as ward captain in a government hospital in St. Louis, and the graves of both are marked with government headstones. After the grandfather's death, his son, the third to bear the name of George E., continued the foundry business in partnership with his half-brother, W. A. Winn, under the firm name of Winn Brothers. Later George E. bought his brother's interest in the business, which he carried on until his death, in White Hall, in 1903. His widow then continued the business for a few years, when it was taken over by W. W. Evans, only to again come into the possession of the family when Lloyd R. and his brother, George Elmer acquired possession of it and carried it on together until Lloyd became postmaster of White Hall, in July, 1927. The product of the plant was chiefly castings for farm rollers, boilers and threshing engines and it was the only



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plant of its kind between Jacksonville and Alton. The father of Lloyd R. Winn died at the comparatively early age of thirty-six years and his widow, whose maiden name was Cora Reamer, is still residing in White Hall, as is her mother, Mrs. Catherine Reamer, who, though past eighty-three years of age, takes an active interest in the affairs of the world in general. She is a Presbyterian in her religious faith and Mrs. Cora Winn belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Winn also has a great-uncle, R. B. Winn, residing in Greene county, who is eighty-six years of age. The family for four generations has supported the republican party. To George E. and Cora Winn were born four children, namely: Lloyd R., of this review; Mildred, the wife of Robert Brown, who is an employe of the Chicago & Alton Railroad at White Hall; Marion, the wife of Mayor Hans W. Broberg, of White Hall, and George Elmer, of White Hall.

Lloyd R. Winn was born at White Hall, Greene county, on the 29th of July, 1892, and received his education in the public schools. After completing his high school course he went to St. Louis, where he became a student in the St. Louis Watchmaking School, in which he took a thorough course. On his return home he engaged in the jewelry business at White Hall, in association with C. E. Miller, in which he was engaged up to the time that he went into the foundry business, continuing the latter until entering the post office.

Mr. Winn was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle Davidson, of Woodville, Greene county, and they are the parents of a son, Ward Davidson. Mr. Winn has always been interested in political affairs as a member of the republican party. He served as alderman from the second and third wards and two terms as mayor protem, and has also served as precinct committeeman. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church, the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Modern Woodmen of America, of which he has been the clerk since 1917, and the American Legion, of which he is finance officer of the local post. He is a veteran of the World war, for which he enlisted at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, in November, 1917. He became a member of Company C, Motor Supply Train, Eighth Division, and in the fall of 1918 embarked from Camp Mills for

France. When four hundred miles out at sea word was received of the signing of the Armistice and they returned to this country, landing at Hampton Roads. They were sent to Camp Lee, Virginia, and later to Camp Funston, where Mr. Winn was honorably discharged. He is a splendid citizen, has worthily upheld the prestige of the family name in his community and is regarded as one of its enterprising and progressive citizens. He takes pride in rendering the best possible service to the patrons of the post office and throughout the locality in which he lives he is highly esteemed.

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### WILLIAM ROBERT QUEEN

William Robert Queen, who is professor of agriculture in the high school at Cuba, Illinois, and is doing important work in the educational field, was born near Maxwell, in Sangamon county, this state, March 11, 1897. His forbears came to this country from Scotland and settled in Indiana after the Revolutionary war. His father, James S. Queen, was born in the Hoosier state, October 12, 1848, a son of James Queen, an agriculturist, and when a youth of eighteen removed with his parents to Illinois. The family spent four years in Cumberland county and then located in Sangamon county. James S. Queen made the occupation of farming his life work and through tireless industry and effective methods he brought his land to a high state of development. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party and his religious views were in harmony with the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church, while fraternally he was identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. He was well educated and his honesty, sincerity and kindly nature won for him many friends. He passed away March 27, 1929, and his remains were interred in a cemetery at Loami, Illinois. On the 6th of December, 1877, he married Mary C. Dennis, who was born in Macoupin county, Illinois, November 12, 1856, and is a daughter of William and Eliza A. (Van Note) Dennis, who removed to Illinois from Tennessee. She resides with her son in Cuba and is a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Royal Neighbors, while in poli-

tics she is a democrat. She is the mother of four children: Bert J., who was born November 28, 1885, and is employed as a salesman in St. Louis, Missouri; Lulu E., who was born May 22, 1888, and is the wife of Earl G. Stevens, superintendent of schools at Fairbury, Illinois; William Robert; and Elmer A., who was born February 8, 1904, and is cultivating the home farm.

After attending the common schools of his native county William R. Queen became a pupil in the high school at Waverly, Illinois, where he completed his course in 1917, and while there pursuing his education he was active in basketball, also devoting considerable time to literary work. During the World war period he was a member of the Students Army Training Corps at Decatur, Illinois, and in 1919 he matriculated in the University of Illinois. Four years later, in 1923, he was graduated from the State College of Agriculture with the degree of Bachelor of Science and during that year he was a salesman for a poultry firm at Decatur. He taught agriculture in the Hutsonville high school for a year and was an instructor in the Wapella high school from 1924 until 1929, when he came to Cuba. His work here covers eleven months of each year and has to do with farm crops, farm machinery and projects in animal husbandry. He now has a class of thirty-eight boys and each selects a project that must run as long as six months. This project is recorded and the result is shown at the county and state fairs. Animal husbandry covers the feeding, judging and selection of all livestock, diseases and everything pertaining to farm animals. The course in farm crops includes the study of soils, seed selection and everything bearing upon crop production. The course in farm mechanics is equally comprehensive, covering soldering, welding, rope work, harness repairing and thorough manual training in the line of farm machinery. Each fall a fair or exhibition is held in Cuba in order to awaken interest in the various branches of farm work. In addition to teaching agriculture in the local high school Mr. Queen is assistant in the 4-H Club and acts as local farm advisor, cooperating with the county farm adviser and with the State Farmers Institute. He encourages all eighth grade graduates to enter high school and has a natural gift for teaching. He has a highly specialized knowledge of the subjects he teaches and



has done much to stimulate the progress of agriculture in the Illinois River Valley.

On the 14th of June, 1923, Mr. Queen was married to Miss Ruth Cordelia Campbell, a daughter of Walter E. and Mary L. (Lyles) Campbell, of Pawnee, Illinois. Her father was born January 31, 1869, while the mother's birth occurred on the 1st of July, 1872, and they were married February 12, 1890. Mrs. Queen was born September 25, 1897, and completed her studies in Milliken University at Decatur, Illinois. She now has a daughter, Betty Jane, who was born November 9, 1924.

The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and in politics they follow an independent course, voting according to the dictates of their judgment. Mrs. Queen is identified with the Fulton County Home Bureau and has been a real help-mate to her husband, assisting and encouraging him in his work. Mr. Queen belongs to the Masonic order and to the Illinois Crop Association. Deeply interested in agricultural science, he has mastered the subject in principle and detail and has chosen for his life work a field of broad usefulness, affording an excellent medium for the expression of his talents.

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### GRANT GRAFF

One of the most popular public officials of Morgan county is Grant Graff, who is rendering a high type of service as sheriff of Morgan county, and is recognized as one of the county's most enterprising and progressive citizens. He was born at Prentice, Illinois, on the 13th of December, 1863, and is one of the eighteen children of Washington and Alma Rinda (Flynn) Graff. He received his education in the public schools of his home neighborhood and then located on a farm of one hundred acres which he had purchased in the northeastern part of the county. There he devoted his attention to general farming and stock-raising, renting six hundred acres of land in addition to his home farm. Subsequently he traded his farm for the old Strawn farm of sixteen hundred acres, and eventually this was taken over by a company, Mr. Graff retaining one hundred and sixty acres. At

this time he is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of well improved land at Franklin, which he has rented out. In 1906 Mr. Graff was appointed deputy sheriff under his brother, Charles Graff, in which capacity he served until 1910, when he went to Chicago as a grain inspector. In 1914 he ran for sheriff of Morgan county and was elected, serving four years, after which he also served four years as assessor and treasurer of the county. He then accepted an appointment as private secretary to the secretary of state, L. L. Emmerson, with whom he was associated for four years. Returning home, he was again elected to the office of sheriff, which he is still filling. He is capable and conscientious in the performance of his duties in every position to which he has been called and to a marked degree he commands the respect and confidence of the people of Morgan county.

In 1886 Mr. Graff was united in marriage to Miss Emma Lewis, of Morgan county, and they are the parents of a son, Byron G. Graff, who was formerly state bank examiner in Illinois, and is now president of the Bank of Indio, California. In his political alignment Mr. Graff is a republican and has always been active in local public affairs. His religious connection is with the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is serving on the official board. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Woodmen of the World. He is stanch in his friendships, cordial and sincere in all of his social relations and is extremely popular throughout his home county.

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### JACOB VELDE

Jacob Velde, of Tremont, is a worthy representative of one of the largest and best known families in Tazewell county. He is particularly well known owing to the fact that he has been engaged in the same business for half a century at Tremont, near Pekin, and enjoys a reputation as one of the most enterprising and substantial citizens of his community. Mr. Velde was born at Pekin, on the 4th of May, 1854, and is a son of John and Agnes (Frey) Velde. His father was born in Hanover, Germany, and in

1838 came to the United States, settling at Pekin, of which locality he was one of the early pioneers. He established a hardware and shoe business, which proved a successful venture and he became one of the wealthy and substantial men of his community. He was affiliated with the republican party and for many years took an active interest in political affairs, having served as road commissioner and school treasurer, and later several terms as city alderman. He belonged to the Knights of Pythias, and his religious connection was with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the work of which he took an active interest. His hobbies were flowers and fruit farming. His death occurred at Pekin in 1887. His wife was born in Germany near the Swiss border, whence she came to the United States in young womanhood. She also was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Jacob Velde attended the public schools of Pekin, graduating from high school in 1870, and completed his education in Mount Pleasant College, in Iowa. During 1871-2 he was engaged in the hardware business in Pekin, after which he spent a year in Boston and Philadelphia. In 1874 he went to Chicago, where he resided for three years, during which period he served as a salesman of heavy hardware. In 1876 he moved to Delavan, Illinois, and in 1878 to Tremont, here opening a hardware store. This proved a profitable enterprise and the business has been conducted in his name continuously to the present time, a period of fifty years. His success has been based on good goods at right prices and the exercise of sound judgment in management.

On April 7, 1880, Mr. Velde was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. March, a daughter of Susan and John March. Her father, who was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, died March 2, 1903. During all of his active life he followed blacksmithing. His wife was born in Tennessee and died in Tremont, Illinois, June 21, 1916. Mr. Velde was born in Tazewell county, Illinois, April 25, 1861, and received a high school education. She, like her husband, is a republican in politics, and she is a member and treasurer of the Woman's Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Velde have had two children: Leslie Henry, who was born December 22, 1881, and married Miss Della



Whistle in 1900, is employed by the Stutz Automobile Company in Chicago; and Susan Agnes, born January 19, 1884, died September 20, 1884. There are also three grandchildren, Donald Velde, born September 10, 1904; Robert, born May 4, 1919, and James, born November 1, 1914.

During his earlier years Mr. Velde did much hunting and fishing. His hobbies are traveling and gardening. He is a man of high ideals in both business and private life and no resident of his community is more genuinely respected than he, for he has lived an upright and consistent life and has stood for those things which contribute to the well-being of the people and the prosperity of the community.

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#### CHARLES LESTER LAMBERT, D. O.

Dr. Charles L. Lambert, one of Canton's leading professional men, is a practitioner of the osteopathic school who has been remarkably successful in his special field of effort, commanding a large practice throughout this section of Fulton county. He was born in Springfield, Illinois, January 30, 1895, and is a son of Dr. Edmund and Ella Jane (Gum) Lambert. The paternal grandparents were Charles and Mary Lambert, who were lifelong residents of England, where the Lamberts were mostly farmers and merchants. Dr. Edmund Lambert was born in Wakefield, Yorkshire, England, and came to the United States when eighteen years of age. He was a musician in his native country and after arriving in America taught piano and violin, first settling at Sweetwater, Illinois. As a music teacher he paid his way through the dental school of Northwestern University, from which institution he received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery and subsequently devoted the greater part of his life to the practice of that profession in Springfield, Illinois. He became one of the leading dentists there, and also was active in local public affairs, being a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Methodist Episcopal Church. He took an active interest in civic affairs and was a man of high ideals and progressive spirit. His wife, who in her maidenhood

was Ella Jane Gum, was a daughter of John B. and Mary Ellen Gum. Her father was a warm friend of Abraham Lincoln, with whom he was closely associated while they both lived at New Salem, Illinois, accompanying Mr. Lincoln on surveying expeditions and being in close intimacy with him. Mr. Gum became a wealthy man, accumulating much property in Menard county, where he became well known as a fine horse raiser. Ella Jane Gum was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the work of which she took an active interest, as she did also in the social and civic affairs of her community. She received a liberal education, was a constant reader, and was closely devoted to her home and family. She died November 21, 1911, and is buried with her husband at Springfield. To Dr. and Mrs. Lambert were born three sons: C. G., born in 1880, is connected with the Marine Bank of Springfield; J. Leslie and Charles Lester, twins, were born January 30, 1895, and the former is engaged in the practice of dentistry at Springfield.

Charles L. Lambert attended the public schools of Springfield, graduating from high school in 1913. While in high school he was a member of the Forum Debating Society. In 1913 he became a student in the American School of Osteopathy, at Kirksville, Missouri, and was graduated with the D. O. degree in 1916. He then located in Lewistown, Illinois, where he was engaged in the practice of his profession until September, 1917, when he enlisted for service in the World war. He was sent to Camp Dodge, Iowa, and from there to Camp Bowie, Texas, where he served as osteopathic physician in the hospital corps, and remained there until honorably discharged after the close of the war, at which time he ranked as a sergeant first class.

After leaving the army Dr. Lambert entered the Chicago College of Osteopathy, where he served as interne and also took his fourth year of osteopathic college work. Upon its completion he came to Canton, where he has attained a high place in public esteem. He has prospered in his material affairs, has well equipped and nicely furnished offices in the Swearingen building and is a very busy man.

Politically Dr. Lambert is a strong supporter of the republican party and in 1928 was elected coroner of Fulton county,

which office he is still filling. He belongs to the Masonic order, in which he has received the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite; the American Legion, serving as commander of the local post in 1927, and is a charter member of the Kiwanis Club. He has long been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and gives his support to those things which promote the moral and ethical standing of the community. Golf is his favorite form of recreation and he is very popular socially.

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### WILLIAM A. GAIN

William A. Gain, a successful and widely known florist of the Illinois River Valley, is the owner of the Astoria Greenhouse & Nursery Company. He was born near Ray, Schuyler county, Illinois, August 10, 1868, a son of George W. and Nettie (Mayo) Gain. His paternal grandfather was a native of England. George W. Gain, born in New York, January 24, 1843, was but a small boy when brought to Illinois by his parents, who took up their abode among the pioneer settlers of the state. He spent his early life on the home farm in Schuyler county, just over the Fulton county line, and eventually removed to Fulton county, where he continued in agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his active career. His last days were spent in honorable retirement in Astoria, Illinois, where he passed away August 18, 1917, and was there buried. He gave his political support to the republican party and served for a number of years as road commissioner and school director. He enlisted in the Union Army at the outbreak of the Civil war, becoming a member of Company G, One Hundred and Nineteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served in the southwest until the cessation of hostilities. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, joining the post at Vermont, Illinois. The Methodist Church numbered him among its active members until the time of his removal to Astoria, where he became a valued member of the United Brethren Church. A man of strict integrity and genial disposition, he won a host of warm friends and his death was deeply deplored. At all times he manifested an active and helpful in-



terest in community affairs, doing everything in his power to promote the general welfare. On the 10th of October, 1867, George W. Gain was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Mayo, who was born in Fulton county, Illinois, in July 1845. Her father, William Mayo, who came to Illinois from the Empire state in the early '40s, followed both farming and carpentering. Like her husband, Mrs. Gain took an active part in church work and was also a member of the Relief Corps. Her devotion to her home and family was marked, and an extensive circle of friends attested her worth. She passed away in November, 1911, and was laid to rest in Astoria, Illinois.

In the acquirement of an education William A. Gain attended the country schools of Fulton county and the normal school at Rushville, Illinois. He followed the teaching profession in Illinois and Iowa for a period of nine years prior to embarking in the florist business by planting a garden in the vicinity of Astoria. In 1905 he purchased a tract of six and one-half acres near Astoria and he now owns eleven acres of land, all devoted to the raising of hardy perennials, nursery stock, plants and flowers. He built the first section of his greenhouse in 1915 and added two more sections in 1922, so that he now has a total of five thousand square feet under glass. The greenhouse is equipped with a heating plant and is strictly modern in every particular. Mr. Gain specializes in the growing of Cyclamen and has made an outstanding success of the cultivation of this particular plant. He has studied its habits and he knows how best to exterminate the insects that destroy it. The plants are grown from seeds imported from Germany. There are about a dozen species of Cyclamen, mostly natives of the Caucasus and the Mediterranean region. Not all growers have been successful in their cultivation. Mr. Gain, however, has won a wide reputation in this respect; his plants, which he grows by the thousand, are sold to florists in many states. He has produced some plants of marvelous beauty, including a rare specimen with crinkly, white-bordered leaves. In addition to Cyclamen, he grows all other plants and cut flowers, specializing to some extent in Petunias, and he cultivates a large number of special or rare species. He also grows vegetable plants and sells seed, bulbs and all kinds of nursery

stock. His business has grown steadily and a large percentage of his patronage comes from beyond the boundaries of Astoria. Mr. Gain has a genuine love for growing plants and flowers, watching and tending them carefully, and the success which has come to him is indeed well merited. His sons, as they have grown up, have assisted him in the conduct of the business. His greenhouse is on the edge of Astoria and is a credit to the town.

On the 9th of March, 1893, Mr. Gain married Miss Corda M. Onion, daughter of James M. and Amanda (Elliott) Onion. Her father, who was born in Indiana, October 19, 1832, was brought to Illinois by his parents when but three years of age and was reared to manhood in Fulton county. He was a cabinetmaker by trade, making much of the furniture which is still in use in the county, and he also operated a sawmill and grist mill and tended a farm. He did guard duty during the Civil war and he was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He gave active support to the republican party, at all times manifesting a deep and helpful interest in community affairs and cooperating in all movements looking toward advancement and progress. Mr. Onion was a self-educated man, well informed on a wide variety of subjects, and enjoyed the respect and esteem of the citizens of his community. He died November 9, 1928, and was buried in Astoria, Illinois. On the 2d of May, 1858, he married Miss Amanda Elliott, who was born in Fulton county, Illinois, January 8, 1841. Her parents, Luke and Evelyn (Burgess) Elliott, who were natives of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively, became pioneer settlers of the state of Illinois. Mrs. Amanda (Elliott) Onion died February 3, 1929, and is buried in Astoria. Mrs. Corda M. Gain, the wife of William A. Gain, acquired her education in the schools of Fulton county and the normal school in Lewistown, Illinois, and taught in Fulton county for three years prior to her marriage. She shares in her husband's love of flowers, and her deep interest in his work has undoubtedly been one of the chief factors in his success. She is a devoted member of the United Brethren Church, has taught a Sunday school class for ten years, is president of the Missionary Society and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the ladies' auxiliary of the American Legion. She votes the republican

ticket, believing the principles of that party most conducive to good government. Mrs. Gain is a studious reader and is a kind, lovable woman who has won the friendship and esteem of all with whom she has been associated.

Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gain. The eldest, Alice Edna, whose natal day was December 13, 1893, became the wife of Charles France of Macomb, Illinois, December 31, 1919, and is the mother of three sons: Charles William, Ralph Louis and Roy Eugene. George Franklin Gain was born January 16, 1896. James A. Gain, born May 2, 1898, was a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the University of Illinois, and died of influenza on the 8th of December, 1918. Perry Edward Gain, born April 4, 1901, began his education in the grade schools of Astoria, Illinois, and continued his studies in Kansas City and in Milwaukee. He is employed in his father's nursery and greenhouse. On the 24th of February, 1925, he married Merle Wickert and they have one child, June Eloise. Mr. and Mrs. Perry E. Gain are residents of Astoria, Illinois. Leslie W. Gain, born June 1, 1904, is a graduate of the Astoria high school and also attended the University of Illinois for two and one-half years. He now resides in Rushville, Illinois. Joel Ernest Gain, who was born October 4, 1906, spent one year as a student at the University of Illinois following his graduation from the Astoria high school. He also makes his home in Rushville, Illinois. Albert Raymond Gain, born July 30, 1909, is a graduate of the Astoria high school and is now associated with his father in the florist business. Clarice Belle Gain, born October 29, 1911, is a student at the Western Illinois State Teachers' College in Macomb. John L. Gain, who was born March 15, 1913, is a high school pupil in Astoria. Melvin Gain, born August 23, 1916, also attends the high school in Astoria.

William A. Gain, the father of the above named, gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the United Brethren Church. He also belongs to the Sons of Veterans and to the Illinois State Florists Association. He is fond of reading, being particularly interested in magazines and books pertaining to plant culture and other instructive topics. Work has always been



his hobby, and the strictest integrity has characterized him in the conduct of his business affairs. He is a kindly, courteous gentleman, well loved by the townspeople, who feel a justifiable pride in the splendid greenhouses which he has established in Astoria.

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### EDWARD R. HIESER

Edward R. Hieser, one of Pekin's progressive and wide-awake business men and a member of the Specialty Manufacturing Company, was born on his father's farm, near Pekin, on the 27th of September, 1892, his parents being Joseph S. and Fannie V. (Roth) Hieser, both of whom are natives of Tazewell county and still live here. The father, who is now retired from active business, devoted the active years of his life to farming, in which he prospered, acquiring a comfortable competence. His father, Joseph Hieser, was a native of Alsace-Lorraine and was numbered among the pioneer settlers of Tazewell county. Joseph S. and Fannie Hieser are earnest members of the Mennonite Church. They are the parents of five children, namely: Albert E., mentioned elsewhere in this work; Edward R.; Bena, the deceased wife of Thomas Litwiller; Ella, the present wife of Thomas Litwiller; and Louise, at home with her parents.

Edward R. Hieser spent his early years on his father's farm and is indebted to the public schools for his educational training. About 1914 he came to Pekin and entered into a partnership with his brother Albert E., under the name of the Specialty Manufacturing Company, for the manufacture of fishing tackle and fishing rods. Eventually they invented and are making and marketing what is now generally regarded as one of the finest fishing reels offered to the trade. It is known as the Pekin casting reel and possesses outstanding advantages over other casting reels that have commended it to discriminating fishermen. They have built up a large and important business and are active factors in the commercial circles of Pekin.

On December 24, 1917, E. R. Hieser was united in marriage to Miss Pearl Brown, who was born March 1, 1889, a daughter of Caesar and Katherine Brown. Mrs. Hieser is a member of the

Mennonite Church. Mr. and Mrs. Hieser are the parents of six children: Edward R., Jr., born November 10, 1918; Vera Loraine, born December 21, 1919; Ellen Gertrude, born December 1, 1920; Katherine V., born on July 7, 1922; Clifford Lawrence, born March 11, 1926, and Albert E., born August 6, 1927.

Mr. Hieser is a republican in his political views and takes an active interest in matters affecting the welfare of his community and county. He is a member of the Izaak Walton League and a staunch advocate of game conservation. His religious faith is that of the Mennonite Church. He is the owner of the building occupied by the Specialty Manufacturing Company and owns his home at 801 State street, Pekin. He devotes his attention closely to his business interests, in which he has met with very gratifying success.

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### HENRY H. EBY

Henry H. Eby, an honored veteran of the Civil war, is a venerable resident of Mendota who at the advanced age of eighty-nine years retains his faculties to a remarkable degree. He was born in the state of Pennsylvania on the 8th of September, 1841, his parents being John and Mary (Miller) Eby, the former a native of Lebanon county, Pennsylvania. It was in 1850, when a lad of eight years, that he accompanied his father and mother on their journey westward to Illinois, the trip being made by wagon team. His education was acquired in the public schools and after putting aside his textbooks he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits.

At the outbreak of the Civil war Mr. Eby enlisted for three months' service, which ended in August, 1861, and the following month he enlisted for three years, becoming a member of Company C, Seventh Illinois Cavalry. He was honorably discharged on the 15th of October, 1864, serving in all for three years and about four months. Mr. Eby wrote a very interesting story of his experiences which he published in 1910 under the title "Observations of an Illinois Boy in Battle, Camp and Prisons—1861 to 1865." This profusely illustrated book of two hundred and



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eighty-four pages is dedicated to his comrades of the Civil war. It contains twenty-two chapters, as follows: Chapter I—Beginning of the Great Rebellion, April 12, 1861; Chapter II—Beginning of Three Years' Service—Camp Butler and Bird's Point—Night Trip to Belmont—A reconnaissance into Western Kentucky; Chapter III—New Madrid, Point Pleasant and Island No. 10; Chapter IV—Up the River to Hamburg Landing and Thence by Land to Corinth and Jacinto, Mississippi, Tuscumbia and Cortland, Alabama; Chapter V—From Northern Alabama to Nashville, Tennessee, and Its Occupation by Us—Fight at Lavergne and Many Skirmishes; Chapter VI—The advance on Murfreesboro—Battle of Stone River—Occupation of Murfreesboro by the Federals—Cripple Creek and Tullahoma Campaign—Advance on Chattanooga and Chickamauga—Stuck in the Mud—Orders to Prevent Foraging; Chapter VII—Battle of Chickamauga—Two Days of Fearful Fighting—The Federals Holding Chattanooga; Chapter VIII—My Capture by the Confederates—Good-bye to My Faithful Horse—Introduction to Confederate Diet—Packed in Box Cars During a Journey of About Nine Hundred Miles—Fearful Suffering; Chapter IX—Entrance into Belle Island Prison Pen—Discouraging Outlook—Libby Prison, and the Smith Prison; Chapter X—Our Return to Danville—Many Sick with Smallpox—Smallpox Hospital, and Convalescent Camp; Chapter XI—Escape from Prison—Much Suffering—A Number of Narrow Escapes from Recapture and Finally Taken In; Chapter XII—Our Recapture and Return to Prison—Four Days in County Jail Behind the Bars—Journey to Richmond, and Pemberton Building; Chapter XIII—My Second Entrance into Belle Island Prison Pen—Intense Suffering from Cold and Hunger—Many Die; Chapter XIV—Under the Protection of "Old Glory" Once More—Caught in a Terrific Gale and Nearly Shipwrecked—Land at Annapolis, Maryland—Stripped, Scoured, and Dressed in New Uniforms; Chapter XV—My Return to My Company and Regiment, May 25, 1864; Chapter XVI—Reminiscences of George W. Westgate; Chapter XVII—Letter from Calvin W. Hudson—His Escape, Recapture, and Escape the Second Time; Chapter XVIII—The Consequences of War; Chapter XIX—A Chapter to the Boys and Girls; Chapter XX—Birth of "Old Glory;" Chapter

XXI—The Consequences of Secession; Chapter XXII—A Talk with the Comrades.

In 1867 Mr. Eby was united in marriage to Mary L. Swisher, a native of Ohio. They became the parents of two daughters: Clara, who is deceased, as is also her husband, Dr. Adams; and Mary, who is the wife of Dr. Willard Worsley of Dixon, Illinois, and has a son, Raymond, who is married and has a daughter Evelyn.

In his political views Mr. Eby is a republican, ever adhering to the principles of the party which was the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and fraternally is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He owns a beautiful home at Mendota, where for many years he has lived retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. Mr. Eby is a wonderfully well preserved man for one of his advanced years and he has a host of warm and admiring friends.

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### FARMINGTON BUGLE

The Farmington Bugle, is one of the oldest and most influential country newspapers of the Illinois River Valley with which for nearly fifty years was linked the name of its owner and editor, the late Sewell Palmer Wood, who will ever be remembered as one of the ablest, fairest and most popular newspaper men of this section of the state. The Farmington Bugle was established February 3, 1881, by Captain J. I. Wilson and was so named in honor of his comrades of the Civil war. On October 20, 1883, the paper was purchased by Sewell P. Wood, who continued at its head until his death, April 18, 1930. The paper has always been independent in politics, as it has been also on every other issue, but has consistently supported such movements and measures as were calculated to promote the public welfare, the slogan of the paper being "A Farmington Newspaper devoted to the best interests of the community." The Bugle, which is published weekly, is housed in a well arranged concrete building, twenty-



two by fifty-five feet. The plant, in which four people are employed, is well equipped with modern machinery and appliances, for both newspaper work and job printing, all machinery being electrically driven. Its circulation list covers about all of Fulton county, about a third of its list being in other counties and states. Typographically, the Bugle is attractive, and its editorial columns are filled with news while it is news, carefully edited, while as an advertising medium it has no superiors in this section of the valley.

Sewell Palmer Wood was born in Elmwood, Peoria county, Illinois, February 17, 1861, and was the second of three children born to William Henry and Hester Ann (Prosser) Wood, the other two children dying in infancy. His boyhood days were spent in the city of his birth, in which he learned the printing trade. After being with the Elmwood Gazette for several years and then with a paper in North Dakota, he came to Farmington in 1883 and purchased the Farmington Bugle of Captain Wilson. He retained the name of the paper in honor of the military career of the Captain. From that time on for over forty-six years, until the issue of April 17, 1930, was in the mail, he continued to serve the people of Farmington and vicinity with the news, cleanly written and well printed, and during that period probably no name was better or more favorably known in the homes of this locality. On the evening of April 17th he went home and spent the evening there with his three closest friends. At about ten o'clock he retired and forever closed his eyes to earthly scenes. The news of his sudden passing came as a shock to his myriad of friends throughout this part of the country, for they felt that a good and useful man had left them, though they realized that he had but been transferred to higher scenes of activity.

On October 12, 1887, Mr. Wood was united in marriage to Miss Lura Grace Lobaugh, a daughter of Dr. John and Sarah (Cratty) Lobaugh. She was born October 12, 1865, a member of a well known pioneer family, and her death occurred July 30, 1925. She was a woman of kindly and gracious manner, was interested in the welfare and comfort of those around her, and was beloved throughout the community. Mr. and Mrs. Wood became the parents of four sons: Harlan B., mentioned later;

Edgar, who is married and lives in Chicago; Arthur Dean, who died October 23, 1906; and Donald of Baltimore, Maryland, who is married and has a daughter, Mary Frances and a son, Sewell Palmer, Jr.

Politically Mr. Wood was an earnest supporter of the republican party and took an active interest in public affairs. He served as city clerk and township clerk and was postmaster at Farmington during the administrations of Presidents McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft. He was a charter member of the Farmington lodge of Odd Fellows, as well as of the Daughters of Rebekah. He belonged to the Illinois Press Association and was an active member of the Farmington Community Club, long serving as a member of the board of directors. As a business man he was alert and sagacious, always honorable and fair, and during all the years of his residence here commanded to the fullest measure the confidence and respect of his fellowmen. As editor of the Bugle he was absolutely fearless in his condemnation of those things which were inimical to the public welfare, as he was stanch in his support of all worthy causes. He was cordial and genial in his social intercourse and was an interesting conversationalist and a delightful companion. The following is one of the many beautiful tributes which were paid to his memory at the time of his death:

But naught of censure  
Did he record make or keep.  
To Build, his motto,  
And to lend a helping hand  
In case of need.

The Book is closed.  
For almost fifty years  
He kept the faith;  
And then—his record clean—  
He slept.

Harlan B. Wood, who succeeded his father as editor of the Farmington Bugle, was born in this city, April 22, 1889. He

was educated in the Farmington public schools, graduating from high school in 1908, and was employed as an automobile salesman in Bloomington and Chicago until the fall of 1929, when he returned to Farmington to assist his father in managing and editing the Bugle, and has had entire charge of the paper since the death of his father. He shows natural ability as a journalist and, under his sound management, the Bugle is maintaining its high standard as a clean and reliable purveyor of the news, being a welcome visitor into most of the homes of this section of the valley.

On June 16, 1917, Mr. Wood was united in marriage to Miss Gwendolyn F. Green, who was born in England, where she received her elementary education, subsequently graduating from high school in Chicago. She is a member of the Evangelical Church and belongs to the Farmington Women's Club. She is active in local social and civic affairs and is a popular member of the circles in which she moves. Mr. and Mrs. Wood are the parents of a daughter, Gwendolyn, born February 12, 1920.

Mr. Wood gives his political support to the republican party and is a member of the Congregational Church. He is a veteran of the World war, having enlisted in October, 1917. He was in training at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois, and in May, 1918, sailed for France with the Eighty-sixth Division. While overseas he attended the officers training school at La Valbonne. After the Armistice he returned home and was honorably discharged in February, 1919. Mr. Wood plays golf and is fond of fishing and hunting.

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#### LEO JOSEPH LEFEBVRE, D. D. S.

Dr. Leo J. Lefebvre, one of Canton's leading dentists, whose well equipped office is in the Orendorff building, is widely known not only for his professional ability and skill, but also for his active and effective part in local civic and other public affairs. He was born in Huntingdon, Quebec, Canada, on the 20th of March, 1900, a son of Fred and Elixia (Cayer) Lefebvre. His father, who is of French descent, was born in Quebec and has



been engaged in the haberdashery business in Huntingdon since 1883, a period of forty-seven years. He is a patron of the liberal party, in which he is an active worker, and takes a leading part in civic affairs. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Though reserved in manner, he is well known and greatly respected. His wife was born in Montreal, Canada, and died in 1921. She was a member of one of the old families of that locality and was well educated. She was a devoted member of the Catholic Church and exerted a splendid influence on all with whom she came in contact. By her union with Mr. Lefebvre she became the mother of seventeen children.

Leo J. Lefebvre, who is the sixteenth in order of birth of the seventeen children born to his parents, attended the Huntingdon grade school and the high school at Fort Covington, New York, from which he was graduated in 1918. During his school days he also worked in a hotel at Thousand Islands. He was active in school athletics, being a member of the hockey team. In 1919 he entered Valparaiso University, at Valparaiso, Indiana, while there being first tenor on the University Quartette and was cheer leader on one of the Varsity sections. In the following year he entered Harvard Dental College. He was a student in the Chicago College of Dental Surgery from 1921 to 1925, when he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. During his school vacations he worked in the hotel at Thousand Islands and thus materially assisted in paying his college expenses. In September, 1925, Dr. Lefebvre came to Canton, Illinois, entered upon the active practice of his profession, quickly gained recognition as a skilled and careful dental operator and during the subsequent years has built up a large and prosperous practice. He has the best equipment that can be secured, including an X-ray machine, and keeps in close touch with the most advanced methods of dental practice.

On September 29, 1923, Dr. Lefebvre was united in marriage to Miss Joan Ethel Meade, who was born in Huntingdon, Quebec, October 4, 1900, and is a daughter of D. N. and Mary (Smythe) Meade, of whom the former followed farming. Mrs. Lefebvre graduated from the high school of Fort Covington, New York, in 1918, and also graduated from the State Normal School at Platts-

burg, New York, and the Rochester (N. Y.) Business College. Prior to her marriage she was the secretary of the Cody School of English at Rochester. She is a democrat in her political views and is a member of the Catholic Church. Dr. and Mrs. Lefebvre are the parents of two children, John Truman, born October 14, 1927, and James Richard, February 27, 1929.

Politically Dr. Lefebvre supports the democratic party, and he takes an active and effective part in civic and community work. He was elected a director of the Kiwanis Club in 1927, was its vice president in 1928-29 and is now its president, at present serving a second term in which capacity he is doing splendid work in behalf of this fine organization. He also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Peoria District, Illinois State and American Dental Associations, and the American Red Cross Society. While in college he was a member of the Xi Psi Phi fraternity and was its president in 1924. He is an active member of the Catholic Church and supports every worthy cause looking to the welfare and progress of the community. Dr. Lefebvre is a very talented singer and pianist. He frequently leads "sings" for civic organizations and is frequently called upon for solos at banquets and church affairs. He is a lover of good literature, chiefly of educational and historical works, and is an extremely interesting conversationalist and agreeable companion, a very popular member of the circles to which he belongs.

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### HAROLD RAYMOND GIRHARD

Harold R. Girhard, who has rendered capable and appreciated service as principal of the Greenfield school for the past three years, is one of the able and popular educators of the lower Illinois River Valley. He was born at Newton, Jasper county, Illinois, on the 21st of June, 1892, and is a son of John Adam and Nancy Jane (Foltz) Girhard, both of whom are deceased. John A. Girhard was born in Coblenz, Germany, and was a son of John Adam Girhard, Sr. When he was thirteen years of age, his father brought the family to the United States. The parents died in Boston, Massachusetts, soon after their arrival in this country,

and John A., Jr., and a sister went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There he secured employment and became a skilled mechanic, supporting his sister. When President Lincoln issued his call for seventy-five thousand volunteers, Mr. Girhard proved his loyalty to his adopted country by enlisting for ninety days, and later re-enlisting for the duration of the war. He was a member of the Ninety-eighth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was attached to the Army of the Potomac. During the last eleven months of his service Mr. Girhard was a prisoner of war and was confined in the notorious Andersonville prison pen, where he endured great hardships and suffering. When he entered that place he weighed two hundred and eleven pounds, and on being released he was but a skeleton and completely broken in health. After being discharged from the service Mr. Girhard came to Illinois, locating first at Annapolis, Jasper county, but later moving to Newton, where he spent the remaining years of his life, his death occurring in 1905. He was a republican in politics, belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic and was an earnest member of the Lutheran Church. His widow passed away in 1915, at the age of sixty-five years. She was a native of Jasper county and a daughter of William and Nancy Jane Foltz. The Foltz family came from Holland to the United States, locating first in Pennsylvania, and shortly afterwards coming to Illinois. John Adam and Nancy Jane (Foltz) Girhard became the parents of eight children, namely: Mary Antoinette, who is the wife of Joseph C. Hemphill, a patent attorney in Washington, D. C., and representative there of the Eastern Railroad Association; she was educated in the University of Illinois and taught school prior to her marriage; John A. III, who lives in Newton; Charles Edward, who received his higher education at the University of Illinois, taught school for fifteen years, during which period he was superintendent of the Newton school, is now an orchardist at Newton; Paul W., who was a license inspector for twelve counties for the state highway department, was killed by accident; Richard Marion, who graduated from the Newton high school and completed his education at the Charleston Normal School, is now principal of the Oblong schools; George Monroe, who was graduated from the University of Illinois, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts,



is now principal of the schools at Hillsboro, this state; Harold R., of this review, and one who died in infancy. The spirit of helpfulness and cooperation has been a prominent characteristic of the members of this family, who assisted each other in securing their educations.

Harold R. Girhard received his early education in the public schools and graduated from the Newton high school in 1911. He was employed as janitor of a church and worked on farms during his vacations, thus helping to pay his way, and he was also prominent in school athletics, being a member of the baseball, and football teams. He taught country schools for a time, and attended the spring and summer sessions of the Charleston Normal School, and from 1914 to 1917 was a student in the University of Illinois. In May, 1917, he attended the officers training camp at Fort Sheridan, but later returned to the university, where he remained until December, 1917, when he enlisted in the navy at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. He was there commissioned an ensign and was held at that station as an instructor until the latter part of the war, when he served at Cleveland, Ohio, and Pelham Bay, New York. After the war he taught and coached at Pontiac for two and a half years and served in the same capacity at Watseka for one year. He then became principal of the schools at Martinsville, where he remained five years, since which time he has been principal of the schools at Greenfield, where he has made a splendid record of efficient and constructive service. He has continued summer work at the University of Illinois, from which he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1918, and his Master degree in 1929. He majored in education, administration and supervision, and now teaches mathematics and science.

Mr. Girhard was united in marriage to Miss Shirley Money, a daughter of Thomas F. and Leota (James) Money. He and his wife were schoolmates at Newton, from the high school of which they graduated in the same class, and were later schoolmates at Charleston. Prior to their marriage she taught in the schools of Urbana and Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Girhard are the parents of two children, Thomas Adam and Ann Elizabeth. Mr. Girhard is a republican in his political views. He is a member of Greenfield Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Greenfield Chapter, R. A. M.;

Olney Commandery, K. T.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Peoria; and the Phi Delta Kappa, Sigma Delta Sigma and Kappa Phi Kappa fraternities. He also belongs to the American Legion at Greenfield, being commander of his post. His religious connection is with the Christian Church and he was formerly elder of the church at Martinsville. He is intensely devoted to his profession, in which he is meeting with outstanding success, and is regarded as one of his community's progressive and dependable citizens, taking an active and effective interest in all civic matters bearing on the public welfare.

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### CYRUS BUCHER, SR.

The late Cyrus Bucher is remembered as one of the most energetic, capable and successful citizens of Fulton county. He was primarily a farmer, in which line of effort he showed a spirit of progress and enterprise which enabled him in the course of time to become one of the leading agriculturists of his county. He was particularly well known for his success as an orchardist and in other lines of business also was prosperous. He became a leader in his community and exercised a wholesome influence in every circle in which he moved. Mr. Bucher was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, July 28, 1845, and was a son of Ezra and Elizabeth (Reist) Bucher, both of whom also were natives of that locality. His grandfather, John Bucher, and his great-grandfather, Benedict Bucher, were natives of Switzerland. The great-great-grandfather, Dr. Ben Bucher, born in Switzerland in 1717, came to America about the year 1740 and settled in what is now Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Ezra Bucher was born May 2, 1818, and died August 5, 1883, and his wife passed away on July 6, 1871. Of their five children, one died in infancy, the others being, John, who lived on the old home farm in Pennsylvania; Christian, who occupied the farm in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, on which his brother Cyrus formerly resided; Cyrus, and Lydia, deceased. The Buchers were severally devoted to agriculture and the professions, among them being clergymen, physicians and teachers. All of them, even those who

followed farming as a vocation, were noted for their studious habits and literary tendencies.

Cyrus Bucher was reared on his father's farm and received a district school education. He took advantage of every opportunity of acquiring knowledge and when seventeen years of age began teaching school in the vicinity of his home, which vocation he followed for six consecutive winters, his summers being spent in assisting his father on the home farm. In 1878 Mr. Bucher made a trip to Kansas and on his way back stopped in Fulton county, Illinois. He was greatly impressed with the natural productivity of the soil here and during the following four years he dwelt much on the advisability of moving to this locality. In 1882 he and his wife left their eastern home and, coming to Fulton county, rented a house in the vicinity of Astoria. For a while Mr. Bucher worked by the day, but in the fall of their first year here he bought one hundred and fifty acres of land, which at that time was in a run-down condition. However, he entered upon the task of restoring the farm and in the following spring built a small dwelling, also improving the property in other ways. From that time on his career presented a record of continuous success, due to his untiring efforts and sound judgment in all that he did. He bought additional acreage as he prospered, until he became the owner of over a thousand acres of good land, to the personal operation of which he devoted his attention for many years. Later he was less active in this direction, though until his death he exercised a general supervision over his farms. In 1906 he moved from his farm home to Astoria, where also he became interested in various enterprises. He became a charter member, stockholder and director of the People's State Bank of Astoria, and became the owner of the Astoria Electric Light Company, which he later sold to the Central Illinois Public Service Company. He was ever a lover of agriculture and its allied lines, and it was said of him that he was always ready to take up a new crop, with which he carefully experimented as to its practicability and value. In his extensive orchards all ordinary varieties of fruit were grown, and some idea of the extent of his orchards may be gained from the statement that in 1906 fruit was gathered from seven thousand five hundred peach trees, two thousand five



hundred apple trees and five hundred pear trees. The yield of peaches was ten thousand bushels and from a young apple orchard the yield was one thousand bushels.

Mr. Bucher was married twice, first to Miss Barbara Dohner, a devout member of the German Baptist Brethren Church, who died in 1870. To this union were born two children, one of whom is deceased, the other being Mary, the widow of Martin Wickert, who was a farmer in the vicinity of Summum, Fulton county. For his second wife Mr. Bucher chose Miss Leah Gible, who is of Swiss descent and was born in Pennsylvania. She has for many years been a devout member of the German Baptist Brethren Church and has always stood ready to help those about her who were in need. To Mr. and Mrs. Bucher were born thirteen children, namely: Two who died in infancy; Samuel G.; Lydia, widow of Isaac H. Bucher; Ida, the wife of Samuel J. C. Senger; Sarah, the wife of Jesse E. Bubb; Leah, the deceased wife of George H. Stambaugh; Annie, the wife of Joseph Blickenstaff; Fannie, the second wife of George Stambaugh; Cyrus, a farmer; Harvey, Lizzie and Ezra. There is also an adopted son, Edward W. Keefer, whom Mr. and Mrs. Bucher reared as one of their family, educated and started in life. Cyrus Bucher's death occurred on January 24, 1921, and he is buried at Astoria.

Politically, Mr. Bucher was a strong democrat, but, aside from the position of school director, he never held public office. In 1868 he united with the German Baptist Brethren Church in his native place, and in 1883 was elected to the ministry in that denomination. In 1904 he was ordained an elder of the congregation of the Woodland Church, in his home community, and was commonly known as "Elder" Bucher. In all branches of church and educational work he took an earnest and active interest. It was said of him that no deserving person in need was ever turned away from his presence empty-handed. He was one of the strong and substantial men of Fulton county and none held a higher place than he in public confidence and respect, for through the years of his residence here he had continually given evidence of his kindliness of heart and his genuineness in all of life's relations. In the winter of 1904-5 Mr. Bucher wrote the following lines in connection with a photograph taken of the family residence and surrounding grounds:

OUR HOME, January 15, 1904, as the hoarfrost decorated it; as the artist hastened to get it before the sun changed it—the place whence our life's best efforts were directed; where God's blessings were asked for and received. From its windows we watched our children leave and return, day by day, from school and church; saw their plays and amusements; saw love's leave-takings, and welcome home with their happy, noisy broods. At the door the welcome hand given to friend and stranger. Public reign protected us in life and liberty, and brings our daily mail. The horse at the stile takes us on our daily journey; the wire talks for us; the wind pumps our water; the field gives our bread; the orchard its fruit and the cattle their increase. The home-coming of children rejoices our hearts; daily God-given help upholds us, and the sun of time gradually changes scenes present to landscapes more sublime. Our home, God-given. In our decline how loath to leave, and how anxious to return! Blessed foretaste!

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#### ARTHUR BENJAMIN GOLTZ, M. D.

Dr. Arthur B. Goltz, a worthy representative of the medical profession in Grafton, who has built up a large and remunerative practice in this town and surrounding country, was born on a farm near Kampsville, Illinois, on the 22d of March, 1890, and is a son of Carl and Bertha (Schoen) Goltz, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was reared and educated in his native country and served in the German Army during the Franco-Prussian war. Soon after the close of that struggle he came to the United States and located at Kampsville, where he successfully engaged in farming and fruit raising. His farm now belongs to his son Louis. Another son, Charles, is engaged in farming near Nebo, this state. The others of the family are: Agnes, living in California, and Arthur B., of this review. The father died in 1922 and the mother, who came to this country when a girl of thirteen years, died in 1907.

Arthur B. Goltz received his early education in the public school at Village Green, and afterward attended the State Normal School at Hoopstown. During later years he supplemented

his education by much reading and private study, so that he is an unusually well informed man on a wide range of subjects. He entered the Barnes Medical College, in St. Louis, Missouri, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. While pursuing his course, he worked during vacations by which means he was enabled to put himself through college. He entered upon the practice of his profession at Hamburg, Illinois, where he remained from 1914 to 1921, when he moved to Brussels, and in 1926 located in Grafton, where he has practiced to the present time.

Dr. Goltz was united in marriage to Miss Anna Peisker, a daughter of Herman and Magdaline (Becker) Peisker, of Kamps-ville, and they are the parents of a son, Herman. The Doctor is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and along professional lines belongs to the Jersey County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He has taken a deep interest in matters relating to the welfare of the community and his record as a physician and citizen has gained for him a high place in public regard.

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### ALBERT RANDALL

For a number of years Albert Randall has been engaged in various business enterprises and is now president of the Commonwealth Finance Corporation, of Peoria, being generally recognized as a man of progressive ideas and reliable business judgment. He was born in Washington, Illinois, on the 1st of May, 1878, and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Hill) Randall. Both of the parents were born and reared in England, where their marriage also occurred. Henry Randall learned the trade of brickmaking in his native country and on coming to this country located first in Minonk, Illinois, where he lived for a time. From there he went to Bartonville, this state, where he engaged in the brickmaking business, being the pioneer in his line in this section of the state. He was known for the good quality of his product and for many years furnished the bricks for Peoria buildings and houses, as well as for other nearby towns. He died at the





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age of fifty-eight years. To Mr. and Mrs. Randall were born ten children, five of whom died in infancy. Those living are, William, who is retired and lives in Bartonville; Herbert, a coal operator in Bartonville, is married and has two children, Chester, and Elizabeth, the wife of Mr. Marlatt, of Bartonville; Alice, the widow of the late Robert Hill, resides in Pekin, Illinois, and has three children, Myrtle, Hazel and Harry; Ada is the wife of John Monroe, a coal operator at Bartonville, Illinois, and they have one child, Albert; and Albert, of this review.

Albert Randall was educated in the public schools and at the age of twenty-one years engaged in the brick manufacturing business at Bartonville. At the end of three and a half years, he sold the business to the Carter Brick Company, and engaged in the garage business under the firm name of Crown Automobile Company, of Peoria. He continued in that business successfully for three years and a half and then sold out to Montier Brothers, after which he established the first wetwash laundry in Peoria. He was first located at the corner of Glendale and Hamilton streets, but later moved to the corner of First and Walnut streets. He carried the laundry business on for nearly four years, when he sold out. He was elected supervisor of Limestone township, Peoria county, in which office he served six years. During his fifth year he was elected chairman of the county board, and was next elected sheriff for four years. He later became president of the Commonwealth Finance Corporation, and also vice president of the Bartonville Bank in which position he served until 1927. He is now president of the Peoria Spring Company, which was organized in 1919, and is engaged in the repairing and building of automobile springs. The Commonwealth Finance Corporation is a strong and reliable concern, has enjoyed a steady and healthy growth, and in the fall of 1929 moved into its splendid offices in the Jefferson building.

On July 12, 1896, Mr. Randall was united in marriage to Miss Pearl M. Barton, a daughter of Henry Spencer and Mary J. Barton, the former of whom died in 1909. Mr. Randall is a member of Peoria Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M., as well as the chapter and commandery of the York Rite; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R., and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also belongs to the



Creve Coeur Club and the Association of Commerce. He stands high in the regard of his business associates, who have found him a man of clearheaded judgment in practical affairs, while throughout the community he is greatly esteemed for his sterling character.

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### JOSEPH GORDON REYNOLDS

Joseph Gordon Reynolds is one of Carrollton's leading business men and is conducting an abstract business which was established forty-five years ago by his father, Oscar Perry Reynolds. The family was established in this state by the paternal grandfather, J. C. Reynolds, a farmer, who was born and reared in Tennessee, whence he came to Greene county, of which locality he was a resident for forty years, his death occurring in 1909, at the age of seventy-eight years. Oscar P. Reynolds, who passed away on September 23, 1927, was born in Woodville township, Greene county, Illinois, on January 25, 1851, and was educated in the public schools of his home neighborhood. He taught school for many years and spent between twenty and twenty-five years in the courthouse. He was deputy circuit clerk for three terms, was deputy county treasurer, county assessor for four terms and city alderman for two terms. He was a democrat in politics and was a charter member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He knew practically everyone in the county and was familiar with the history of practically every farm in the county, which was a large asset to him and peculiarly qualified him for the business of abstracting, which he established in 1884. He married Miss Martha G. Heron, a daughter of James G. Heron, of Woodville township, Greene county, and a former schoolmate of his. Her family originally came from Owensboro, in the tobacco district of Kentucky. She is still living in Carrollton, at the age of seventy-two years. She is a Baptist in religious faith.

Joseph Gordon Reynolds, who is the only child born to Oscar P. and Martha G. Reynolds, was educated in the public schools of Carrollton, graduating from high school, and then took a commercial course in the C. J. Stone School in Chicago. He spent

his early years in Carrollton, after which he was employed in a clerical capacity by Armour & Company, and later by Swift & Company, both at East St. Louis. During the three years that he was with those firms he gained valuable experience, and for three years more he was employed in the office of Mrs. Sarah Tyson Rohrer, of New York city, the author of a well known cook book. On his return to Carrollton in 1909 Mr. Reynolds became associated with his father in the abstract business, of which he has been the active head since his father's death. He has a complete and up to date set of abstract books and commands his full share of the business in his line in this county.

Mr. Reynolds was united in marriage to Miss Cleo C. Howe, a daughter of Mrs. Anna Belle Howe, of Little Rock, Arkansas, where she was reared and educated. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds are the parents of four children, namely: Howard, aged sixteen years, a student in high school; Joe Heron, aged thirteen years; Carl D. and Martha Anna Belle. In his political affiliation Mr. Reynolds is a democrat and his religious connection is with the Baptist Church. He is a member of the Masonic order, being a past master of his lodge, a past high priest of the chapter and a past eminent commander of the commandery; Mississippi Valley Consistory, A. A. S. R., at East St. Louis; and Ainal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at East St. Louis. During the World war he gave his active support to all government measures and did considerable clerical work for the draft board. He has been loyal to every responsibility placed on him and has shown himself well worthy of the high regard in which he is held throughout this section of the valley.

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### ROY ELDON PATTERSON

The Washburn Leader, published at Washburn, Woodford county, Illinois, is owned and edited by Roy E. Patterson, who has during the past quarter of a century, personally and through the columns of this paper, been a real factor in the civic and moral advancement of the community, while at the same time he has rendered a live and appreciated news service to Washburn and

vicinity. Mr. Patterson was born in Eureka, Woodford county, on the 5th of March, 1881, a son of John H. and Mary Hannah (Brooks) Patterson, the former of whom was a native of Ohio and the latter of Kentucky. They were married in Eureka, where they lived until 1882, when they moved to Washburn, where their remaining years were spent. Mr. Patterson was a staunch democrat in politics and at one time held the office of justice of the peace. He and his wife were members of the Baptist Church. They became the parents of eight children, four sons and four daughters.

Roy E. Patterson attended the public schools of Washburn to the age of thirteen years, when he went to work in the Leader office. Later he was employed in the job offices of Rand-McNally and other firms in Chicago, from 1897 to 1899, and then went to Peoria, where he was employed in a job office until 1905. In that year he returned to Washburn and bought the Leader, which had been established on April 1, 1890, by Henry Crane and Charles Rowley. Believing that the first and most important function of a newspaper is the printing of the news while it is news, and in a clean and interesting style, he has maintained his paper at a degree of efficiency which has gained for it a constantly increasing circulation and made it one of the most valuable assets of the community which it serves. The political policy of the Leader is independent, though with republican leanings. However, every party and cause receives a square deal and the Leader is known primarily as a well edited and impartial newspaper.

Mr. Patterson was united in marriage to Miss Frances Fishburn, of Peoria, a daughter of Edward P. and Harriett E. Fishburn. They are the parents of a daughter, Loey Ann, who is a student in high school. Mr. Patterson is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he was master of his lodge, serving two terms; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and president of the Golden Rule Club, a civic organization formed by himself, the members of which are the business men of Washburn; also the first president of the Woodford County Chapter, Izaak Walton League, serving two terms and is an enthusiastic conservationist. He has always supported the republican party



and was an alternate delegate to the national convention in 1916 which nominated Charles Evans Hughes for President. He is a member of the Illinois Press Association, and Mrs. Patterson is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Patterson served as president of the grade school board for four years while his daughter was a pupil in the schools.

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### ALBERT E. HIESER

Albert E. Hieser, member of the Specialty Manufacturing Company, is one of Pekin's progressive business men and as the inventor of the Pekin casting reel has achieved a noteworthy success, this having gained quick recognition as possessing a number of superior qualities. Mr. Hieser was born near Pekin, Tazewell county, Illinois, on the 31st of August, 1885, a son of Joseph S. and Fannie V. (Roth) Hieser, also natives of Tazewell county. The father, who was born January 4, 1854, is a son of Joseph Hieser, who was born in Alsace-Lorraine, whence he came to the United States and became a pioneer settler of Tazewell county. Joseph S. Hieser followed farming throughout his active life, met with well merited success in his affairs, and is now retired. His wife, also a native of this county, born February 14, 1858, is a great lover of flowers and of the society of her friends and acquaintances. To them were born five children, namely: Albert E.; Edward R., who is a partner with his brother in the Specialty Manufacturing Company; Bena, the deceased wife of Thomas Litwiller; Ella, the wife of Thomas Litwiller; and Louise, who is still at home with her parents.

Albert E. Hieser attended the grade schools of his home neighborhood and remained on the home farm until twenty-three years of age. Moving to Tremont, this state, he engaged in the garage business, which he followed for six years, at the end of which time he came to Pekin and in association with his brother established the Specialty Manufacturing Company and engaged in the making of fishing tackle, plugs and fishing rods. He is the inventor of the Pekin casting reel, on which he has applied for a patent and which is the only fishing reel free from backlash in casting.

This reel is in a class by itself for three particular reasons, namely, the throat of the reel is so designed as to allow only a single line to leave or enter the well; the flanges are so made as to guide the line, because of which it wraps and unwraps evenly, and the well is so designed that even though a backlash should occur the line cannot uncoil and leave the well and entangle itself, an exclusive patented feature found only in this reel. It is made of strong yet light material which will not rust or corrode and all who have used it are free in their praise of it.

On January 12, 1910, Mr. Hieser was united in marriage to Miss Alice M. Slagell, who was born August 11, 1889, a daughter of Nicholas and Mary Slagell. Mr. and Mrs. Hieser are the parents of a daughter, Gladys Lucile, born May 9, 1911. They are earnest members of the Mennonite Church and give their wholehearted support to every cause for the advancement of their community. Mr. Hieser belongs to the Pekin Chamber of Commerce and the Izaak Walton League. He is a republican in his political views and has long been a leader in the civic affairs of his city and county, being especially active in game conservation work. He is a reader of good literature, possesses a well selected library, and is fond of outdoor life. Well known throughout Tazewell county, his friends are in number as his acquaintances.

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### LYNDALL L. SUTHERLAND

The status of a commercial or financial institution depends largely upon the standards of its officers and the Smithfield State Bank has a capable representative in Lyndall L. Sutherland, its cashier, who has occupied the office since 1928. Born in Watseka, Iroquois county, Illinois, November 29, 1903, he is a son of James LeRoy Sutherland and a grandson of Robert Pierce Sutherland, who was born in Mercer county, Kentucky, November 7, 1853. Coming to Illinois early in the decade of the '70s, the grandfather settled in Hancock county and by occupation he was a painter. He was married August 2, 1877, and his wife was born October 11, 1854.

Their son, James LeRoy Sutherland, was born in Disco,

Illinois, April 29, 1878, and as a young man was identified with the grain business. For a quarter of a century he has been connected with railroad operations at Smithfield and is now with the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad Company. He enjoys reading and his hobby is photography. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has held various offices in his lodge, of which he is now treasurer. In politics he is a republican and as a school director he has furthered educational progress in his district. In October, 1902, he was married to Edna Hamrick, who was born November 15, 1876. She has membership in the Christian Church and is active in religious, civic and social affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland became the parents of two children. The daughter, Onelli, was born May 25, 1906, and died May 29, 1920, when a young girl of fourteen.

The son, Lyndall L. Sutherland, acquired his early instruction in Smithfield and in 1922 was graduated from the high school at Canton, Illinois. During vacation periods he had worked in the Bank of Smithfield and when his education was completed he became assistant cashier of the institution, which was then known as the Smithfield State Bank. For six years he continued in that capacity, assuming the duties of cashier in 1928, and has promoted the growth and success of the bank by faithful, efficient work. He is well versed in the details of modern finance and exerts every effort to safeguard the funds of the bank.

On the 10th of September, 1924, Mr. Sutherland was married to Miss Evelyn Irene Hart, a daughter of William and Mabel Hart. Her father was born May 22, 1883, and the mother on December 14, 1885, and they were married December 24, 1901. Mrs. Sutherland was born in Canton, June 4, 1903, and was graduated from the high school there in 1921, afterward working as a clerk in a mercantile establishment of Canton until her marriage. She has become the mother of three children: William LeRoy, who was born February 11, 1926; John Robert, born May 17, 1928; and Vera Mae, born June 5, 1930.

The parents are adherents of the republican party and Mr. Sutherland has membership in the United Brethren Church, while his wife is a Methodist in religious belief. For diversion he turns to hunting, fishing and other outdoor sports. He has a talent



for music and during his student days played with the Canton high school band, while he is now a member of the P & O Band of Canton, one of the foremost organizations of the kind in this part of the valley. Fraternally he is a Mason and closely follows the beneficent teachings of the order. Capable and dependable, Mr. Sutherland has rapidly advanced toward the goal of success, and the future undoubtedly holds much in store for him, as he is still young in years.

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### LOUIS A. ALLTON

Louis A. Allton, of Canton was born in Fulton county, Illinois, on the 1st of November, 1880, a son of James E. and Mary (Brown) Allton, who were natives of Pennsylvania. The Allton family has long been established in this country. There is record of Samuel Allton, who came to America early in the seventeenth century and whose brother, Resin Allton, was the direct ancestor of the present family. Members of the family were prominent in political and commercial affairs in Virginia in very early days. John Allton, a descendant of Resin Allton, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and a personal body guard to General Washington. One of his descendants was William B. Allton, father of James E. Allton. The latter was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, in 1840, and during the Civil war was a member of the Second Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry and, later, of the First Pennsylvania Artillery. He was wounded three times in action and one of these, a wound in the foot, gave him trouble during the remainder of his life. For about a year after the war he served as a provost guard in Washington, D. C. The greater part of his life was spent as a farmer. He was an active worker in the republican party and was a member of the Baptist Church. He was a well informed man, though largely self-educated, and was widely and favorably known. His wife was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, April 14, 1844, the daughter of Samuel and Eliza Brown, and was of Scotch-Irish descent, her family having settled in Pennsylvania in an early day. Her death occurred March 26, 1926.

Louis A. Allton received a public school education, attending the country school and the Canton high school. He then learned the cigarmaking trade, at which he worked for several years. He wisely recognized the value of education and spent much time in intensive reading and study, also taking several special courses in various schools. He read law sufficiently to gain a working knowledge of that subject, feeling that it might prove of value to him in a new line of work in which he had become interested while employed at his trade, namely, the organized labor movement. He became a member of the Cigarmakers Union and later became a very successful organizer of the American Federation of Labor. In 1912 he was elected first vice president of the Illinois Federation of Labor, serving with John Walker, who was then the president of that organization. While holding that office Mr. Allton made his home in Peoria, and during this period he was also the state secretary of the Illinois Cooperative Society. He became well known throughout the state as a strong friend of the labor movement and was very popular with the laboring men and labor officials, not only in Illinois, but throughout the country.

During the World war Mr. Allton offered his services to the government and was assigned to special work with the department of labor, in which capacity he served his country until the close of hostilities. Just prior to the war he had gone to California for the benefit of his health and was there when the United States entered the war. Upon leaving the service, Mr. Allton returned to Fulton county and engaged in farming, which he followed until the organization of the Fulton Manufacturing Company, of which he is now plant superintendent and chemist. Becoming interested in this business, he devoted himself tirelessly to its promotion and, determined to properly equip himself for the line of work in which he would be engaged, he took up the study of chemistry through the International Correspondence School and has since continued his studies in this science. He is now well equipped for the work which he is doing and has been an important factor in the success of the business.

On August 12, 1913, Mr. Allton was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Gross, a daughter of David and Katherine (Goodman) Gross, of Peoria, Illinois. Her father came to this country

from Germany, where he was born December 26, 1856, and was for many years engaged in the malt business in Peoria. His wife, whom he married October 26, 1880, was born in Germany, March 26, 1860. Mrs. Allton graduated from the Peoria high school and attended Bradley College and the Western Illinois State Teachers' College, at Macomb. She also took a course at the University of Chicago and was a teacher for several years prior to her marriage. She is a member of the Universalist Church of Peoria, and the Royal Neighbors. She is greatly interested in music and is an accomplished pianist. Mr. and Mrs. Allton are the parents of two daughters, Ruth Mary, born August 22, 1915, and Jean Elizabeth, born August 26, 1919. Both children are attending the Canton schools.

In his political views Mr. Allton is independent, and leans to liberal interests. He attends the First Universalist Church of Peoria. A lover of outdoor sports, he also finds pleasure in raising flowers. Reading takes much of his spare time, and he is well informed on a wide range of subjects. He has proven a good citizen, in the best sense of the term, and is uniformly respected wherever known.

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### SAMUEL EDWARDS

One of Jersey county's important industries is the Grafton Boat Works, Inc., at Grafton, of which Samuel Edwards is president and general manager. Mr. Edwards has had many years of practical experience in the building of various kinds of boats and the products of his plant are in demand all over the country, and even in foreign lands. He is a son of Samuel, Sr., and Fanny (Smythe) Edwards, the latter of whom was born in Keokuk, Iowa. His father was for forty years connected with United States government river work. He was a native of Denmark and took technical work in engineering at the University of Copenhagen. He came to this country in young manhood, locating first in Chicago, Illinois, and lived successively at Keokuk, Iowa, Rock Island, Illinois, and Dubuque, Iowa, dying at the latter place in 1922, at the age of sixty-eight years. He was assistant United



States engineer on the upper Mississippi, and was graded as a major, though he did not hold that rank and title. While employed on river improvement work his headquarters were at Dubuque.

Samuel Edwards, Jr., received his early education in the public schools, after which he spent four years in the Augusta Military Academy, at Fort Defiance, Virginia. He then took a course in electrical engineering at Iowa State College, at Ames, and early in 1918 enlisted in the United States service. He was in training at Eagle Pass, Texas, and was assigned to the machine gun company of the Third United States Regiment of Infantry. Later he was transferred to an officers training school at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky, where he was commissioned a lieutenant of field artillery. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged at Camp Taylor, after which he was employed as a United States engineer at St. Louis, Missouri, being engaged in the inspection of steel barges. He was later engaged in the designing of boats and barges until coming to Grafton in 1922, and he was one of the four men who purchased the Rippley Manufacturing and Steel Boat Company, which was organized in 1895, and was incorporated under the name of Mid-West Boat and Barge Company, Inc., of which he was secretary and treasurer. On June 17, 1928, this company's plant was destroyed by a tornado, and in August, 1928, Mr. Edwards became one of the organizers of the Grafton Boat Works, Inc., of which he is president and general manager. The company took over the Mid-West Boat and Barge Company, Inc., continuing the making of all types of boats and barges, and has built up a large business, due to the high quality of its products. The Rippley Manufacturing and Steel Boat Company built many life boats for the United States government during the World war and had established marked prestige in business, a prestige which has been fully maintained by its successors. The Grafton Boat Works designs and builds Diesel tow boats and barges, besides the other items mentioned, and their boats meet the highest requirements of service.

Mr. Edwards was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Barnes, of Shannon, Illinois. She received her elementary education in the public schools, also attending Knox College and the Sargent School of Physical Education at Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. and

Mrs. Edwards are the parents of two children, Bertha and Susanne. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the blue lodge in Grafton, Illinois, the chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in Jerseyville, the council of Royal and Select Masters at Alton, Illinois and the commandery of Knights Templar at Dubuque, Iowa, as well as the Grotto at Alton. He is an energetic and progressive business man, has achieved success because of his persistent and intelligent efforts, and in the business circles of this locality is held in very high regard, while socially, he is deservedly popular.

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### EUREKA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

The Eureka township high school, at Eureka, Woodford county, was established in 1915, and was first housed in an eight-room city school building which stood on the site of the present high school building. The old building was erected in 1884 and was occupied by the city schools until 1915. In 1911 a new grade school building was erected and in 1915 all of the grade classes were transferred to that building. In 1927, after a thorough canvass of the school district as to the attitude of the people toward the matter of additional taxes, the present high school building was erected. It was constructed of brick and steel, at a cost of two hundred thousand dollars, all of which, with the exception of eighty-five thousand dollars, is cared for by a bonded indebtedness. The last of the bonds mature in 1945. The building contains an auditorium, which seats six hundred people and a gymnasium that seats many more.

On the first floor of the high school building are the gymnasium, the vocational rooms, the cooking laboratory, dining room, cafeteria, sewing room, manual training and farm machinery shops, the paint, agriculture, incubator and store rooms, the janitor's room, shower rooms and the offices of the physical directors. On the second floor are the auditorium, music room, dressing rooms, offices, study hall, library, art and language rooms, while on the third floor are the physics, chemistry, biology, science, lecture, English, mathematics, history and social science rooms,

the dark room, school paper room and the commercial department. The classroom floors are constructed of asbestos and the halls and wainscoting are made of terrazzo. The school hopes to purchase several acres of land, on which it is planned to lay out a school park, containing track and athletic fields. The school already has a tennis court and sunken gardens, and the building and grounds together comprise one of the most attractive educational plants in the state of Illinois. The architects of the building were Royer, Dakely & Smith, of Urbana, this state. At the time of construction of the building the school board was composed of Dr. W. D. Madison, president; J. S. Compton, secretary; J. Frank Felter, C. F. Melick, Mrs. Prue Harrod, Mrs. Olive Allen and G. S. Ball, with B. C. Moore as superintendent. J. S. Compton has since retired, being succeeded by Dean Blankinship. G. S. Ball is the present secretary of the board. The building is a monument to the painstaking care and labor of this board.

The high school course of study, with time requirements, is as follows: Four years of English, one year of public speaking, four years of Latin, two years of French, four years of history, four years of social science, four years of natural science, five years of commercial subjects, three years of agriculture, three years of home economics, two years of manual training, one year of music, one year of art and three years of mathematics. In the auditorium is a modern motion picture machine and a completely equipped stage. The building is supplied with city water and has a warm-air heating plant, some of the rooms also being equipped with steam radiators. In the school are a number of competitive societies, while in the athletic line there are football, track and tennis teams. There is a well drilled band, the members of which are enrolled from both grade and high schools, and there are also a high school orchestra and a glee club. Twelve teachers constitute the faculty. The school has been an accredited North Central high school for a number of years and is widely known for its thoroughness and efficiency as an educational institution. It is fortunate in having back of it patrons who appreciate education and who cooperate with the superintendent and faculty. One of the outstanding features of the school equipment is in the biology room, where there are many mounted specimens, the



work of a local boy, the collection being of great aid to the students in that department. The equipment of the school is all that could be desired. A very high per centage of the graduates of the Eureka township high school enter Eureka College for higher education. The people of Eureka are justifiably proud of this school and it stands as a worthy monument to their loyalty and interest in educational affairs.

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### COLONEL GRANT MINOR MILES

In both commercial and military affairs Colonel Grant Minor Miles is well known, for he is a director and officer of the substantial old grain brokerage firm of P. B. & C. C. Miles of Peoria, while his valuable war service has been supplemented by important work in connection with the reserve military forces. He was born in Peoria, July 25, 1882, and is a son of Charles Crane and Margaret (Minor) Miles. Detailed reference to the family history is to be found in the sketch of Charles C. Miles on other pages of this work.

Grant M. Miles pursued his education in the public schools, the Northwestern Military Academy, the Bradley Polytechnic Institute and the University of Illinois. In 1903 he entered the offices of P. B. & C. C. Miles as a clerk and during the subsequent years has advanced through the various positions to that of assistant secretary and a member of the board of directors. He is also president of the Burlington Elevator Company at Peoria.

On the 24th of June, 1909, in Pekin, Illinois, Colonel Miles was united in marriage to Miss Georgia Rider, a native of that place and a daughter of Judge George C. and Elizabeth (Prettyman) Rider, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Miles is a graduate of the Pekin high school and the Bradley Polytechnic Institute and did special work in the University of Chicago.

In 1915 Colonel Miles was commissioned a captain in the Fifth Illinois Infantry, and during the war he served with the Fifth Illinois and the Three Hundred and Thirty-ninth United States Infantry. In August, 1918, he was detailed to the committee for "special training and education" of the war depart-



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ment general staff. He commanded training schools in Chicago and Texas until the close of the war, was promoted major of infantry in August, 1918, and in the spring of 1919 was honorably discharged from the service with that rank. Since the war he has held commissions as lieutenant-colonel and colonel in the Infantry Officers Reserve. He is now commanding the Three Hundred and Forty-third Infantry Regiment and is a past president of the Illinois Department of the Officers Reserve Association of the United States. He has also had one tour of duty as a member of the general staff of the war department.

Colonel Miles is a member of the Association of Commerce and the Peoria Board of Trade, being a past president of the latter organization. Fraternally he is affiliated with the following Masonic bodies: Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Peoria. He is also a member of Beta Theta Pi, a college fraternity, and is an honorary member of the honorary military fraternity, Scabbard and Blade. He also belongs to the Creve Coeur Club, the Peoria Country Club and the Rotary Club and likewise belongs to the Sons of the American Revolution. Colonel and Mrs. Miles attend the services of the First Congregational Church and are well known socially.

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### WILLIAM F. HARTMAN

Among the energetic and enterprising business men of Peoria, none has achieved a more meritorious success than William F. Hartman, owner of the Peoria Taxi Cab Company, at 214½ Fayette street, who from a modest beginning has made steady advancement until today he owns splendid equipment and the leading taxi business of this locality. He was born in Wapello, Iowa, on the 5th of February, 1864, and is a son of Henry Hartman, a native of Germany, who came to the United States with his wife and one child, Henrietta, in 1848. They landed at New Orleans, Louisiana, whence they proceeded up the Mississippi river to New Boston, Illinois and thence up the Iowa and Cedar rivers

to Wapello, Iowa. There he took up five hundred acres of government land, for which he paid one dollar and a quarter an acre, and this land is regarded as among the best in the state. Mr. Hartman found employment in a packing house in Wapello, in which he worked for many years. Later he took up farming five miles from Wapello, which vocation he followed during the remaining years of his life. His death occurred at the age of sixty-eight years and his wife passed away at about the same age. To these parents were born eight children, all of whom are deceased excepting William F. Their daughter Henrietta, born in Germany, married and lived at Shelbina, Missouri, where her death occurred on September 13, 1929.

William F. Hartman received his education in the common schools of his home neighborhood and assisted his father on the farm until fifteen years old. He then left home and worked at threshing, farming and in sawmills. Some time afterward he bought a portable sawmill and a threshing machine, operating the latter during the season and cutting timber during the winter months. He next made a contract with the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific and Iowa Central railroads for railroad ties and bridge and construction timber. Before he was twenty-one years of age he had delivered to the Rock Island railroad many thousand ties. Later he disposed of his holdings and equipment and moved to Muscatine, Iowa, where he engaged in business. Five years later he sold his business interests there and for two years sold electric pianos. In 1905 he came to Peoria, where he has since resided, and at once engaged in the livery and taxi business. He purchased one of the first automobiles in Peoria for this purpose, and the business continued to grow and expand until Mr. Hartman had a fleet of thirty Cole machines. At the present time he has eighteen modern cars, from Fords to Packards, and renders the best possible service to his patrons. In 1916 he purchased the Palace livery business, the largest in Peoria and operated with both horses and automobiles.

Mr. Hartman was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Boettcher, who was born in Germany on December 8, 1871. She came to the United States with her parents, who located in Davenport, Iowa. Her father, who was a cabinetmaker all his life, died in

1912, at the age of eighty-four years, and her mother passed away in 1921, at the age of eighty-six years. To her parents were born eleven children, four of whom died in Germany and the seven surviving excepting Mrs. Hartman make their home in Davenport. By a former marriage Mr. Hartman has four children, namely: Bessie, the wife of Charles Fossler, of Beaverton, Oregon; Florence, the wife of Charles Kroeger, of Lonetree, Iowa; Ruth, the wife of S. McCleary, of Muscatine, Iowa, and the mother of one child, Clinton; and Reta, the wife of Edward Frahm, of South Bend, Indiana. Mr. Hartman has performed a distinct service to the community through his taxi business, for he has so combined promptness, courtesy and efficiency as to make his service absolutely indispensable, and the success which has crowned his efforts has been well merited.

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### BOY SCOUTS OF FULTON COUNTY

The Boy Scouts of America in Fulton county were first organized at Canton, and the county is under the supervision of the executive at Macomb, who has charge of Mason, McDonough, Schuyler, Hancock and Fulton counties. Prior to the organization as a district in 1927, there were a number of individual Scout troops scattered over the district. In September, 1927, under the leadership of Clyde Johnson, of Macomb, a group of citizens from Canton met with a number of McDonough county men and agreed to become a part of the council of the above-named counties, known as the Illini Area Council. The first executive was R. B. Stotts, of Galesburg, Knox county, who entered upon this work in December, 1927, and served about six months, during which time he was assisted by H. C. Reichel. In 1928 Paul Carnahan took up the work, with the Rev. Reichel still assisting, and they served until September 1, 1928, when they both resigned and were succeeded by Charles F. Spurr in November of that year. He came to this place from Benton Harbor, Michigan, where he had done splendid work as an executive. In Fulton county there are the following Scout troops: Troop 20, at Canton, sponsored by the Congregational Church, with Thomas Osborn as scout mas-



ter; Troop 21, Canton, sponsored by the Christian Church, with Vernon Coats as scout master; Troop 26, Canton, sponsored by the Methodist Episcopal Church, with Freeman Grant, as scout master; Troop 24, Canton, sponsored by the Trinity Lutheran Church, with Harold Carlson as scout master; Troop 29, Cuba, sponsored by the Methodist Episcopal Church, with Walter R. Moss as scout master; Troop 36, of Cuba, sponsored by the Methodist Protestant Church, with Franklin Marshall as scout master; Troop 38, Lewistown, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church, with Everett Lynn as scout master; Troop 35, Lewistown, sponsored by the Methodist Episcopal Church, with Paul R. Nestler as scout master; Troop 41, Astoria, sponsored by the Methodist Episcopal Church, with W. F. Condit as scout master; Troop 42, sponsored by the United Brethren Church, with Raymond Gain as scout master; Troop 30, Table Grove, sponsored by the Federated Church, with H. Glenn Fordyce as scout master; Troop 44, Avon, sponsored by the Federated Church, with Rev. W. J. Arms as scout master; and Troop 39, which was merged with Troop 40, of Vermont, sponsored by the Methodist Episcopal Church, with Lyle Anderson as scout master.

There are two hundred and fifty-two Scouts in Fulton county, almost twice as many as there were when Mr. Spurr came here. The district has Camp Lost Arrow, situated on the lake north of Havana, Illinois, comprising eleven acres of well situated land. On this land there is a hall, thirty-five by ninety feet in size, with eight fourteen by fourteen-foot tents, a good sized swimming pool, together with canoes, boats and rafts. The camp is open throughout the year and is supervised for eight weeks during the summer and three days during the winter.

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### TRUMAN WHITEHEAD

Truman Whitehead, actively identified with the agricultural and business interests of Fulton county, where he has always lived, is associated with his three sons in the conduct of three successful grocery establishments, two in Canton and one in Lewistown. He was born in Liverpool, Fulton county, Illinois,

January 31, 1874, his parents being John and Ellen (Whitehead) Whitehead, the former born in Lancashire, England, March 6, 1845, and the latter at Liverpool, Illinois, October 16, 1851. They were married August 22, 1870. John Whitehead emigrated to America in company with his father, William Whitehead, and took up his abode among the early settlers of Liverpool, Illinois, experiencing all of the hardships and privations of pioneer life. During the Civil war he saw service as a private with the Sixty-fourth Illinois Volunteers under both Grant and Sherman, participating in the battles of Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Pea Ridge and Shiloh. He sustained wounds in the head and in the legs. Agricultural pursuits claimed his attention during his active life and he accumulated considerable wealth in the capable conduct of his affairs. He was an active worker in the local ranks of the republican party, withheld his support from no movement or measure calculated to advance community interests and was highly esteemed as a man of genuine personal worth and upright life. His death occurred July 31, 1920, and his remains were interred at Liverpool, Illinois. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Ellen Whitehead, was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Whitehead, the former a carpenter of England prior to leaving Lancashire with his wife for the United States. The parents of Ellen Whitehead became pioneer residents of Liverpool, Illinois, where her father operated a sawmill and grist mill. Mrs. Ellen Whitehead was very fond of reading and study, greatly enjoyed the companionship of her friends, was a lover of flowers and made a hobby of needlework. She was an active member of the Methodist Church, in the faith of which she passed away on the 10th of November, 1928, being buried at Liverpool. By her marriage she became the mother of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, as follows: Truman, of this review; William, born August 16, 1871, who is a carpenter of Lewistown, Illinois; Nancy, who was born at Liverpool, Illinois, October 31, 1875, and is now the wife of Hector Beebe, of Canton, this state; Delia, born July 20, 1878, who is now Mrs. Robert Raker of St. David, Illinois; Viola, who was born at Liverpool, Illinois, May 25, 1882, and is the wife of John Whitehead of Canton, this state; George, born October 7, 1884, who is

an agriculturist residing on the home farm near Liverpool, Illinois; Minnie, who was born November 23, 1886, and is the wife of W. J. Bull, a farmer of Liverpool, Illinois; Roscoe, who was born November 9, 1888, and died December 12, 1910; Otis, born October 26, 1890, who is a farmer living near Canton, Illinois; Logan, born April 30, 1892, who is also an agriculturist of Canton, this state; and Orval, born May 5, 1894, a farmer of Liverpool, this state.

Truman Whitehead, whose name introduces this review, acquired a grade school education and then engaged in farming until twenty-four years of age, after which he was a mail carrier on a star route for five years. As a young man of about thirty years he became identified with the fishing industry at Liverpool and for about five years shipped fish throughout the United States. Liverpool was the largest fishing point and fish shipping point along the Illinois river. In 1907 he became proprietor of a general store at Liverpool, there continuing in business along that line until 1923, when he opened a grocery store at Canton, Illinois, where he has since resided. He now owns two grocery stores in Canton and one in Lewistown, Illinois, and is ably assisted in their conduct by his three sons. The Whitehead stores are among the busiest in the community, for their proprietor has never lost sight of the fact that a satisfied customer is the best advertisement and has done everything in his power to please his patrons. Aside from his commercial interests he is part owner of about two hundred acres of farming land in Fulton county.

On July 7, 1897, Truman Whitehead was united in marriage to Stella S. Bull, who was born July 25, 1880, a daughter of Henry and Phoebe Bull. Her father, who engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career, was born April 22, 1849, and died August 19, 1908, while her mother was born September 24, 1848, and is still living. Mrs. Stella Whitehead was educated in the grade schools of Fulton county and since her marriage has devoted her life to the rearing of her children and to the maintenance of a happy home. She gives her political allegiance to the republican party, is fond of society and has many warm friends throughout the community in which she resides. She is the mother of three sons and two daughters, namely: Ray-



mond S., born at Liverpool, Illinois, April 27, 1898; Hazel, who was born at Liverpool, November 19, 1900, and is now the wife of Dudley Raker of Liverpool; Daisy, born July 6, 1903, who is now Mrs. Hobart Burnham of Canton, Illinois; Howard, who was born July 29, 1906, and is a resident of Lewistown, Illinois; and Bramley, who was born at Liverpool, Illinois, November 8, 1908. The last named pursued his early education in the grade schools at the place of his nativity and continued his studies in the Canton high school, from which he was graduated in 1928. During his school course he was an active member of the Garrick Dramatic Club and he is now president of the Canton Players Dramatic Club, of which he served as secretary in 1928. Since his graduation he has been active in the conduct of his father's grocery business at Canton. Bramley Whitehead is assistant secretary of the Illinois Hunters and Fishers Association and was one of its organizers. He is a lover of the great out-of-doors and, like his father, takes an active interest in hunting and fishing and in the preservation of wild life. He is a baseball and basket-ball fan and plays golf. Moreover, he is fond of instructive reading and is an active young business man, well liked in the community of his residence. On the 8th of June, 1930, he married Esther I. Peterson, who was born in Fulton county, Illinois, acquired her early education in the grade schools of Monmouth, this state, and was graduated from the Canton high school in 1929. She is a daughter of Ole and Verne Peterson and her father is connected with the International Harvester Company of Canton, Illinois. Like her husband, Mrs. Esther Whitehead is a republican in politics and has won numerous friends in social and other relations.

Truman Whitehead is also a republican in his political views and has worked earnestly to promote the success of the party. He has served on the school board of Liverpool for six years and has ardently championed good roads and community development. The protection and preservation of wild life has always been a matter of the deepest concern to him and any movement instituted in this cause has received his hearty support and cooperation. The commercialization of hunting and fishing and the slaughter of game has caused him the deepest regret. He was one of the organizers of the Illinois Hunters and Fishers Associa-

tion, which has become a potent factor in the conservation of game throughout this state. Mr. Whitehead is a lover of athletics, particularly baseball, and is a constant reader of newspapers and sportsmen's magazines. His many friends find him a genial, companionable gentleman, while his worth as a citizen is widely acknowledged.

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### WASHINGTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

The Washington community high school, at Washington, Tazewell county, was established as such in 1919, and has taken its place among the leading educational institutions of this section of the Illinois River Valley. The school serves Washington township, covering fifty-four sections of land, and occupies the old grade school building, which is rented from the grade school district. The building contains eighteen rooms, of which nine rooms and the auditorium are used for high school purposes. Ten teachers are employed and the high school is fully accredited. The school grounds are a quarter block in size and the building, which is a substantial brick structure, is heated by steam and furnished with city water. The school organization includes, besides the ordinary course of study, home economics, manual training, agriculture and commercial departments. In the last mentioned department are taught bookkeeping, typewriting, shorthand, law and commercial arithmetic. A part-time music teacher is employed and two organizations of which the school is proud are the chorus and the band, the former having won two state championships. Football, baseball and track teams are maintained under the supervision of an athletic director, and there are also several debating societies, which compete with those of other schools. The enrollment in the high school is about one hundred and sixty pupils, forty per cent of them later attending advanced educational institutions. The high school board is composed of Paul Busse, president; Henry Esser, clerk; C. W. Vercler, A. G. Heitzman and J. W. Willhardt. R. R. Kimmell is the principal and he receives the hearty cooperation of the teachers and the patrons of the school.

Mr. Kimmell is a well educated man, being a graduate of the Teachers' College at Normal, Illinois, and has had many years of practical experience in educational affairs. He served for eight years as county superintendent of schools of Lawrence county and has held his present position as principal of the Washington community high school for the past eight years. He is devoted to his life work, in which he displays marked efficiency, and gives much time to the study of matters contributing to the success of this school. He is also interested in the civic affairs of the community and heartily supports every movement or measure having for its object the betterment of the general welfare. He is married and is the father of a son and two daughters. Kindly and tactful, with a full appreciation of the opportunities as well as the responsibilities of his position, and possessing high educational ideals, he has proven the right man for the position which he is so efficiently filling, and throughout Washington township is held in the highest regard.

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### ELDON H. CUTLER

One of Princeville's leading citizens and successful business men is Eldon H. Cutler, who has for a number of years been engaged in the poultry and egg business, and is also serving as mayor of his city. He has always lived in this locality, having been born here on December 6, 1896, and is a son of Frank H. and Fannie (Flaherty) Cutler. His father, who was born in Princeville and is still living here, has been a carpenter and brick-mason all his life, and has also done considerable contracting. The mother, who was born on a farm near Princeville, died on November 11, 1927. To these parents were born four children, as follows: Grace, is the wife of Roy Mosher, who is in the employ of the Standard Oil Company, and they have a son, Walter; Ada is the wife of Orville Addis, a farmer at Toulon, Illinois, and they have two children, Robert and John; Bernard, of Princeville, who married Miss Bessie Thompson, of Peoria, and they have two children, James and Donald; and Eldon H., of this review.

Eldon H. Cutler acquired his education in the public and



high schools of Princeville, and then, about ten years ago, turned his attention to the poultry and egg business, in which success attended him from the start. He is still engaged in that line of effort and sells his goods to the Peoria Creamery. He is known as a square and reliable business man and has a wide and favorable acquaintance throughout this section of the county.

Mr. Cutler is a member of Princeville Lodge, No. 360, A. F. & A. M.; the Kiwanis Club and the Modern Woodmen of America. From young manhood he has shown a commendable interest in matters affecting the welfare of his community and in April, 1929, was elected mayor of Princeville for a two year term. He is a veteran of the World war, for which he enlisted in the navy at Chicago. He was first in training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, and from there was sent to Detroit, next to Boston, and finally to Quebec, Canada. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged and has remained at Princeville since. He belongs to one of the old and respected families of this locality. His grandfather, who was a native of Vermont, settled in Princeville in a very early day. His grandmother, who was born on a farm near Princeville, died January 2, 1930, at an advanced age. Mr. Cutler has fully maintained the family prestige and none more than he commands the uniform respect of the community in which he lives.

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### WILLARD H. CARVER

Willard H. Carver, who for many years has been actively identified with business affairs in Canton, is now successfully engaged in the real estate and insurance business, in which he is associated with the well known firm of Carver & Orendorff. He was born on the 10th of June, 1877, in Buckheart township, Fulton county, and is a son of Henry C. and Cornelia Ione (Laws) Carver, whom are referred to in a separate sketch on other pages of this work. He attended the public schools of his home neighborhood and graduated from the Canton high school in 1896. He was a good student and all through his school days was a leader of school activities, having been president of his graduating class. He was

active in athletics, having been a member of the football squad in 1895, and took a great interest in music and literary work, having been a member of the school quartet for several terms. He is still a singer and a lover of good music. Mr. Carver taught in the schools of Fulton county during 1897 and 1898, and then moved to the farm, where he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits for about four years. In 1906 he accepted a position with the United States department of internal revenue and was stationed at Pekin, this state, as a government gauger. After serving in that capacity for thirteen years, he moved onto the farm and conducted its operations until 1921, when he brought his family to Canton, where they have since resided. For two years he was identified with the automobile business as a salesman, and then entered the Canton National Bank as head of the trust department, in which capacity he served that institution until 1929, when he entered the real estate and insurance business, in which he is meeting with a very satisfactory measure of success.

On November 10, 1898, Mr. Carver was united in marriage to Miss Daisy B. Huffman, who was born in Liverpool township, Fulton county, April 27, 1877, a daughter of Miller and Martha (Whitehead) Huffman. Her father, who was born March 31, 1846, was a member of a prominent pioneer family, and her mother was a daughter of John Whitehead, also a pioneer. Mr. Huffman was a veteran of the Civil war, having served with Company B, One Hundred and Fifty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Both parents are deceased, the father dying July 13, 1916, and the mother November 17, 1922. Mrs. Carver is a republican in her political views, belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the work of which she takes an active part, and is a member of the Woman's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Carver are the parents of a son, Everett W., born February 6, 1904, who attended the grade schools of Tazewell and Fulton counties and graduated from the Canton high school in 1921 and from the University of Illinois, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1925. For a time he was connected with the Illinois state highway department, later was a traveling salesman for Hart, Schaffner & Marx, and is now the owner of Carvers, Inc., clothing store at Champaign, Illinois. He belongs to the Phi Pi Phi and Phi Alpha Delta college fraterni-

ties and takes a keen interest in athletic events. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; the Masons and the Elks. He takes a live interest in the welfare of Champaign, and is a member of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He was married July 12, 1930, to Miss Elizabeth Randolph, of Canton, who is a graduate of the Canton high school and the University of Illinois. She was woman's business manager of the "Illini" at the university.

Willard H. Carver takes an active interest in the various phases of community life in his home city, being numbered among those whose efforts are constructive and progressive in character. He actively supports the republican party, though not an aspirant for public office. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is president of its Men's Club, belongs to the auditing committee and sings in the choir. He is an active supporter of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Boy Scout work, and is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons. He retains his interest in athletic sports and outdoor life, hunting, fishing and gardening constituting his favorite diversions.

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### ELEANOR JEANNETTE COOLIDGE

For twenty-four years Miss Eleanor Jeannette Coolidge has rendered ideal service as superintendent of the John C. Proctor Endowment, at Peoria, and has shown herself a capable and eminently satisfactory executive. The institution referred to is located at the corner of Spring street and Glendale avenue and was erected and endowed by John C. Proctor, its primary purpose being a home for indigent aged persons. It is a splendidly arranged and very attractive five-story structure, designed to serve its purpose in the most adequate way, and it has in a very practical manner performed its intended service. In the rules of admission and government laid down by Mr. Proctor appear the following regulations: "There shall be no discrimination on account of politics, sectarianism or religious belief, in the administration of the endowment. Primarily, it is designed to furnish a home for residents of the city and county of Peoria, meeting



the requirements and conditions, who have resided in said city or county for two years or more, and who can show a worthy and deserving character, free from crime or personal violation of law, and whose pecuniary circumstances are the motive for seeking or accepting this bounty. However, persons residing outside the county of Peoria are not barred from the privileges of such endowment, and will be admitted on such terms and conditions as may be deemed advisable or best in each individual instance. All applicants must be in the possession of reasonable health, so as not to demand the special attention of invalid care and must have attained the age of fifty-five years or more. This, however, will not exclude any special cases where the reasons for admission are persuasive and convincing. This endowment . . . is not designed as a charity for temporary relief, but to furnish a permanent home for such as come within its requirements." Thus the institution has, during almost a quarter of a century of active and successful operation, proven its worth and has taken rank among Peoria's leading humanitarian institutions.

Miss Coolidge, who has faithfully and conscientiously carried out the purposes of the Endowment, was born on a farm near Brimfield, Peoria county, on the 21st of September, 1857, and is a daughter of Edward Lewis and Mary (Palmer) Coolidge. Her father was a native of Vergennes, near Rutland, Vermont, and followed the vocation of farming. He came with his father to Illinois and settled on one hundred and sixty acres of land near Kickapoo, Peoria county. The grandfather, Lewis Coolidge, had not only one hundred and sixty acres of timberland, but also two hundred and forty acres of prairie land. He also ran a tavern at Kickapoo and Edward L., as soon as old enough, took charge of the farm interests, operating the place for many years up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1904. The Palmer family was from Schenectady, New York, whence they came to Illinois, locating in Galesburg, where the daughter Mary was married to Edward L. Coolidge on April 15, 1853. The mother passed away in 1892. To this union were born twelve children, as follows: John, deceased; Julia, the wife of Roy Hayward, of Spencer, New York; Carrie, the wife of Edwin Chapin, of Oglesby, Illinois; Mary Emily, the widow of J. S. McCoy, deceased, resides

in Galesburg, this state; Benjamin Lewis, who is engaged in the real estate business in Chicago; Harrison S., a farmer at Sturgeon Lake, Minnesota; Jennie Curtis, the wife of Harry Mehan, a farmer, at Roy, Washington; Mabel, the wife of Louis Knight, a contractor in Seattle, Washington; Katherine, the wife of Fred M. Beeson, of Seattle, Washington; Albert E., a farmer at Elmwood, Illinois; Adalide, the wife of Harley Felt, of Roseville, Illinois, and Eleanor Jeannette, of this review.

Eleanor Jeannette Coolidge received her elementary education in the country schools in her home neighborhood, subsequently attending the public schools of Galesburg, Illinois, one year, and the same length of time in the schools of Richmond, Indiana. She entered the Illinois Training School for Nurses, in Chicago, in which she studied for two years. In 1892 she came to Peoria as superintendent of the John C. Proctor Hospital, which position she held for fourteen years, or until 1906, when she became the superintendent of the John C. Proctor Endowment, which position she still retains and which she has honored by her sincere and unselfish service. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and is held in the highest measure of esteem by all who know her, for her ability, attainments and character. Miss Coolidge's sister, Mrs. Jennie Mehan, had three sons in the World war. Of these, Edgar was the only one to go to France and he was a member of the famous Three Hundred and Seventh Regiment which found the "Lost Battalion."

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### JAMES C. DILLON

James C. Dillon, the owner of one of Peoria's leading plumbing establishments, is one of this city's well known business men and the success which is now his has been well merited. Mr. Dillon was born in Peoria on the 14th of February, 1893, and is a son of James E. and Ida (Oswold) Dillon.

His paternal grandfather, Christopher Dillon, was born in Ireland and came to this country in young manhood. He fought in the Mexican war, and died at the age of ninety-six years. His son, James E., was born and reared in Joliet, Illinois, and died



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in 1895, at the age of thirty-five years. He was employed as a locomotive engineer on the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad, and was killed in a wreck on that road. He and his father each donated an art memorial window in St. John's Catholic Church.

Ida Oswald Dillon was born in Baden, Baden, Germany, and when thirteen years of age was brought to this country by her parents. They belonged to one of the representative families of their locality in Germany, but during the war of 1870 they lost all of their property, soon after which they came to this country. The father, Joseph Oswald, came over first and located in Pekin, Illinois, where he found employment, and later his wife brought their children over. Ida was the second in order of birth of thirteen children. Eventually, Joseph Oswald came to Peoria and entered the employ of the Robinson Brewery Company. He and his wife, both of whom are deceased, were the first Oswalds to locate in Peoria. To James E. and Ida Dillon were born five children, namely: Bedlia Elizabeth, who is a nun in St. Mary's convent at Notre Dame, Indiana; Pearl, who died at the age of seven years; Christopher E., formerly of Peoria, was for ten years a freight conductor on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, and died at the age of thirty-one years, as the result of injuries received in a wreck on that road; he married Miss Flossie Traylor, of Delavan, Illinois; Joseph, born in Peoria in 1894, married Miss Henrietta Feinholtz, of this city, on October 3, 1928; he is a veteran of the World war, for which he went into training at Camp Wheeler, Macon, Georgia, where he remained until after the close of the war; he was injured in the collapse of a building at the camp and was in hospital for six months; after receiving his honorable discharge he returned to Peoria, learned the plumbing trade and has since been a foreman for his brother, James C.

James C. Dillon, the fifth member of the family, attended the public schools of Peoria, Spalding Institute, and the Manual Training high school, from which he was graduated in 1912. For about a year he worked for the local telephone company, after which he learned the plumbing trade with the late J. Botorf, with whom he remained for six years. He also spent three years with T. F. Flanigan, plumber, and two years with Dooley & Bruniga.

On February 23, 1921, Mr. Dillon engaged in the plumbing business on his own account at 2115 South Adams street, Peoria, and is still located there. He does a general line of plumbing and carries one of the most complete and high class lines of bath room fixtures and other plumbing equipment in Peoria. He has built up a large and prosperous business on the strength of the splendid service which he renders and his fair and honorable dealing.

On May 3, 1916, Mr. Dillon was united in marriage to Miss Blanche E. Scanlan, a daughter of Daniel H. and Maud Scanlan, the latter of whom is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Dillon are the parents of two children, Elizabeth, born in June, 1917, and Leo James, born on December 7, 1919, both of whom are attending St. John's school.

Mr. Dillon has shown a fine interest in the public affairs of his city and has done much effective work in its behalf. On April 2, 1928, he was elected alderman from the ninth ward for a two years term, and during his term several important projects have been put through. Among these, is the new bridge from Peoria to East Peoria, costing one and a half million dollars, on which construction work has been started and which will require another year for completion; the passage of a bonding ordinance for the new sanitary district disposal plant to help keep the Illinois river clean; an increase in the school tax for the building of new schools, which are much needed; and various other local improvements. Mr. Dillon has been president of the South Side Improvement Association for the past three years. He represents the ninth ward on the park board and is president of the Greater Peoria Committee. He was instrumental in making the major street plan a part of the zoning plan of the South Side, and was active in securing the paving and opening of South Jefferson street, which is a new main artery, extending the full length of the city of Peoria. He was one of the promoters of the South Side Loan and Homestead Association, and was one of those responsible for securing better ambulance service for Peoria. During this period also Madison Park, which is now in the ninth ward, was admitted to the city. It contains the municipal golf course, the largest golf course (eighteen holes) in the city. Madison Manor also was taken into the city.



Mr. Dillon is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Knights of Columbus, and the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging also to the Mount Holly Country Club, the Cosmopolitan Club, the Central Business Men's Association, the Merchants' Association, the Building Material Men's Association, the Alhambra Club and the Tammany Democratic Club of Peoria. He and his family are earnest members of St. John's Catholic Church. He is deserving of the success and honor which have come to him, for he has worked hard and honorably for it and is regarded as one of his community's representative men.

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### DE WITT CLINTON HARRISON

Throughout his business career De Witt Clinton Harrison has been engaged in pharmaceutical work, and thirty years of activity as a druggist in Cuba have established him with the leaders of mercantile enterprise here. He was born in Boone county, Kentucky, June 29, 1861, and traces his genealogy to the Cromwellian period in English history. The family was founded in America in colonial days and among its distinguished representatives was Benjamin Harrison, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He was a delegate to congress from 1774 to 1777 and governor of Virginia from 1782 to 1785.

Joseph Harrison, the father of De Witt Clinton Harrison, was a second cousin of William Henry Harrison, the ninth president of the United States. Born in Sandyhill, New York, Joseph Harrison was graduated from a college in that state and became a scale builder. He possessed considerable mechanical skill and ingenuity and was the inventor of the center balance scale. A great reader, he was well informed upon many subjects and was particularly interested in history. When the country was engaged in civil strife he enlisted in the Fifth Regiment of Ohio Cavalry and exposure during his service in the war was the direct cause of his death. In his youth he was allied with the whig party and later became a republican. Fraternally he was a Mason and his religious views were in accord with the tenets

of the Universalist Church. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mildred Ann Brumback, was born in Kentucky but her parents were originally from Virginia. Her father, Peter W. Brumback, taught school and also engaged in farming. Following the demise of her first husband Mrs. Harrison remarried, becoming the wife of Reuben Nichols, and after his death she made her home with De Witt C. Harrison for twenty years. She also taught school, devoting many years to educational work. Long a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, she was a constant reader of the Bible and this habit, combined with an unusually retentive mind, made her exceptionally well informed regarding the Scriptures.

De Witt C. Harrison acquired his public school education in Schuyler county, Illinois, and continued his studies in Chicago, taking a course in the Institute of Pharmacy, of which he is a graduate. Passing the required examination, he became a registered pharmacist and was employed in that capacity in various towns of Illinois. On the 17th of January, 1901, he came to Cuba to take charge of the drug stock owned by Dr. J. S. Ray and on June 1 of that year purchased the store, of which he has since been the proprietor. He exercises great care in filling prescriptions and his enterprise and reliability have won for him a liberal patronage.

On the 23d of July, 1891, Mr. Harrison was married to Miss Lydia Jeanette McVey, a daughter of William and Susan McVey. Mrs. Harrison was born November 6, 1865, and was graduated from the high school at Rushville, Illinois. She engaged in dress-making and was also a milliner. She belonged to the order of Rebekahs and was an earnest, helpful member of the Methodist Protestant Church, being particularly interested in its missionary work. Mrs. Harrison passed away July 24, 1924, leaving a son, Paul Bowdish, who was born in Illinois, August 13, 1897. In 1917 he was graduated from the Cuba high school, afterward completing a course in the Babcock Institute of Pharmacy at Des Moines, Iowa, and is now associated with his father in the drug business. A member of the track team while at school, he retains his interest in athletics and also has developed his musical talent. He votes with the republican party, is identified with the

Knights of Pythias, and has membership in the Methodist Protestant Church. In business circles of Cuba he is a forceful factor and he is also active in town affairs. On Christmas day of 1921 he married Miss Marie Clifford, a daughter of Isaac A. and Frances (Bishop) Clifford. A native of Iowa, Mrs. Harrison was born June 12, 1895, and attended high school at Lewistown, Illinois, completing her course there in 1912. Following her graduation from the normal school at Macomb, Illinois, she taught for a number of years and is now assistant cashier of the State Bank at Cuba. She attends the Methodist Protestant Church and is identified with the Rebekahs and the Pythian Sisters. Appreciative of the best in music, she is an excellent pianist and in the social life of the community she fills a prominent place.

For recreation De Witt C. Harrison turns to baseball, hunting, fishing and other outdoor sports. His reading is chiefly along scientific lines and he keeps well informed on all matters of public moment. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and from 1917 until 1919, during the period of the World war, he was mayor of Cuba. Wisely and carefully administering the affairs of the municipality, he kept it out of debt, at the same time using his influence to secure needed public improvements, and the sewer system was installed during his tenure of office, which was productive of much good. An earnest advocate of the cause of education, he has served for years on the school board and is ever ready to further the progress of his community to the extent of his ability.

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### GEORGE JOHN SOLDWEDEL

George J. Soldwedel, one of Tazewell county's leading citizens who was for many years successfully engaged in farming near Pekin, but is now living in that city, having sold his farm recently to the park board of Pekin, for a public golf course, was born at Manito, Mason county, Illinois, August 28, 1869, a son of Timm and Sophia (Clausen) Soldwedel. He received his educational training in the grade schools of Pekin, and has always followed the occupation to which he was reared, that of farming, in which



he has been uniformly successful, owing to his painstaking efforts and his intelligent direction of his affairs. Through his excellent management he has accumulated a fair share of this world's goods.

On October 22, 1896, Mr. Soldwedel was united in marriage to Miss Janet Love Main, who was born at La Salle, Illinois, July 28, 1867, and is a daughter of Robert and Janet (Imirie) Main. Her father was born April 20, 1828, in Burness, Scotland, and was there reared to young manhood, securing his education in the public schools. Desiring a better opportunity for individual advancement than was afforded in his native land, he came to the United States, locating at La Salle, Illinois. He was a mining engineer and became one of the early settlers of Pekin, where he established his residence in 1862. During the greater part of his life here he was interested in a large coal mine at Pekin. He was a well educated man, stood high in the respect of his fellowmen and took an active part in the political affairs of Tazewell county. He was a member of the Masonic order, enjoyed a wide acquaintance and was deservedly popular. He died September 2, 1920, and is buried in Lakeside cemetery at Pekin. On August 14, 1863, at La Salle, Mr. Main married Miss Janet Imirie, who was born in Paisley, Scotland, March 30, 1827. She came to La Salle, Illinois, with her brother and two sisters, was educated in the grade schools of her native land and attended the Presbyterian Church. She died January 7, 1908, and was buried in Lakeside cemetery.

Janet Love Main was educated in the public schools of Pekin, graduating from high school in 1887, after which she taught in the public schools of Tazewell county for nine years. She is an active member of the Congregational Church of Pekin, being a member of its various societies and has taught in its Sunday school. She belongs to the Women's Club of Pekin, as well as various other local organizations, supports the democratic party in politics and has been active in matters affecting the public welfare. She is a constant reader, particularly of educational works and current literature. Though devoted to her home and family, she is a lover of outdoor life, derives great pleasure from her flowers, is fond of athletics and socially is active and very popu-

lar. Her sister, Mary Stewart Main, who was born in 1864, became the wife of William Bell, and died March 21, 1924. Mr. and Mrs. Soldwedel are the parents of four children: Roy Timothy, born July 13, 1897, was educated in the grade schools of Pekin, now lives at Morris, this state; Warren Henry, born June 27, 1899, lives in Pekin, in the schools of which city he was educated, and on August 24, 1922, he married Miss Idris Hill, and they have two children, Richard Warren, born May 10, 1924, and Shirley Nadine, May 11, 1929; Janet Dorothy, born March 20, 1904, is a graduate of the Pekin high school; and Emily Louise, born April 25, 1908, graduated from the Pekin high school and is now employed on the Pekin Daily Times.

George J. Soldwedel has always supported the democratic party, has been active in county and local politics, and has been tax collector of Elm Grove township for two years. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and is an active member of the Congregational Church of Pekin. He is a reader of the best current literature, is a well informed man and is recognized as one of Pekin's substantial citizens, meriting the high place which he holds in public regard.

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### JEROME LAWSON

Jerome Lawson, who represents an old and honored family of the Illinois River Valley, is widely known throughout Fulton county, for he has spent practically all of his life within its borders and has long been regarded as one of Fairview's foremost business men. He heads a large insurance company and as the builder and manager of the local telephone system he has rendered effective service to the residents of this community for more than three decades, in addition to which he has acceptably filled public offices of trust and responsibility. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Franklin county, February 5, 1855. The Lawsons were originally from the Isle of Man and it is thought that on coming to America they first settled in Virginia, while subsequently removal was made to Pennsylvania.

James Lawson, the father of Jerome Lawson, was born in the

Keystone state September 16, 1828, and remained in the east until he was twenty-nine years of age. In 1857 he came to Illinois by the overland route, traveling across the country with a horse and wagon, and was thirty days in making the trip. He acquired a tract of land near Fairview, in Fulton county, and in 1860 settled on a farm in the vicinity of Canton, there remaining until 1868, when he returned to Deerfield township, Fulton county. Closely studying soil and climatic conditions in this region, he early demonstrated its adaptability to corn raising and was one of the largest producers of that grain in the valley. He based his success upon system, science and hard work and was for many years a leader of agricultural progress in the state of his adoption. Well educated, Mr. Lawson had a gift for public speaking and participated in many debates. He attended the Reformed Church of Fairview and was allied with the democratic party. In community affairs he took a deep interest, which was manifest in many years of service as a director and trustee of the schools of Deerfield township, and in his career he exemplified those traits which win for a man the respect and confidence of his fellows. His long and useful life was brought to a close October 26, 1906, when he was seventy-eight years of age, and he was laid to rest in the cemetery at Fairview.

In 1852 Mr. Lawson had married Miss Jane Morrow, who was born in Sharpsburg, Maryland, April 13, 1830, and when very young came to Illinois with her parents. She was reared in the Dunkard faith but in later life joined the Reformed Church at Fairview. For many years she survived her husband, passing away September 30, 1925, at the advanced age of ninety-five. In their family there were five children, as follows: Anna Mary, who was born February 15, 1854, and married E. M. Dickson, Fulton county; Jerome; Marion; Lillie E., who was born May 22, 1861, and on the 2d of March, 1881, became the wife of John V. Brokaw, of Peoria, Illinois; and Jennie, who married Charles S. Polhemus of Fairview. Of these Jerome and Lillie E. are living.

Jerome Lawson attended a district school near Fairview and was desirous of becoming a civil engineer but circumstances prevented him from realizing this ambition, as his father could not



spare him from the farm. However, he managed to acquire a practical knowledge of surveying and at frequent intervals has engaged in that line of work. He removed to Fairview in 1906 but continued to operate the home place until 1918, when he leased the farm, but still supervises the management of the property, which is devoted to general agricultural pursuits. He prospered as a farmer and was prominently identified with transportation interests of this part of the state as one of the promoters and builders of the Illinois Central Electric Railway Company. Mr. Lawson is a stockholder in the State Bank of Fairview and has important business interests. He established the telephone system at Fairview and for thirty-one years has had charge of this important public utility, maintaining a high standard of service. In addition he is a director of the Galesburg Mutual Insurance Company of Galesburg, president of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Fairview and local representative of the Farm Automobile Insurance Company of Bloomington, Illinois. He also is secretary of the high school board. Methodical, systematic and well poised, he has been able to scatter his energies without lessening their force and the exercise of effort keeps him alert. In the management of his affairs he is dominated by an accurate sense of business exigency and has been particularly successful in the insurance field.

Mr. Lawson was married February 25, 1880, to Miss Emma Polhemus, who was born February 23, 1860, and passed away July 5, 1924. For his second wife he chose Miss Edith R. Ridle, to whom he was married May 24, 1926, in Washington, D. C. She was born January 23, 1887, a daughter of Wilbur Hicks and Maria Augusta (Payne) Ridle, of Baltimore, Maryland. After attending the Girls' Latin School Mrs. Lawson took a course in Goucher College and in 1924 enrolled as a student in Bethany Bible School at Chicago. For one year she followed the profession of teaching in Baltimore county and at one time was secretary of the Baltimore County Sunday School Association. She is now active in behalf of the Fairview Reformed Church, of which Mr. Lawson has long been a zealous member, and for thirty-one years he has taught a class in its Sunday school. In politics he is a democrat and is well known by reason of his public service.

He is justice of the peace at Fairview, has long occupied the office of town trustee, and for ten years has been the secretary of the local school board. Mr. Lawson cooperates in all progressive movements in his district and is responsible for the building of many of the hard roads in Fulton county. Travel affords him much enjoyment and he has visited many parts of the world but prefers Fairview as a place of residence. He has labored effectively for the common good and the worth of his work is uniformly conceded.

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### ROYAL MARSHALL KINGSLAND

Royal Marshall Kingsland has been successfully engaged in the real estate business in Canton for nearly three decades and has long enjoyed high standing among the leading and influential citizens of the community. He was born in Peoria, Illinois, June 18, 1880, his parents being George Bolesby and Helen Maria (Hicks) Kingsland, the former born in Bridport, Vermont, June 4, 1845, and the latter at Seville, Illinois, December 16, 1857. Both are now deceased. Asa Hicks, the maternal grandfather of R. M. Kingsland, was a pioneer miller at Seville, Illinois, on the classic Spoon river.

Royal M. Kingsland acquired his elementary education in a country school and was a pupil in the primary grades at Fairview, Illinois. While working as a farm hand he continued his studies in order to take the examination for a teacher's certificate and afterward taught a country school in the vicinity of Canton for a period of four years. It was in June, 1902, when a young man of twenty-two years, that he embarked in the real estate business in Canton, Illinois, in association with Earl H. Negley. However, he purchased his partner's interest in the following December and has since conducted his undertakings independently under the firm name of R. M. Kingsland. In later years he has enlarged and expanded the scope of his operations, so that his business now includes loans, insurance of all kinds, stocks and bonds and investments. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Canton Brick Company and is likewise financially interested

in the Clearview Coal Mine, which supplies the city with a large part of its fuel. In addition he occupies the vice presidency of the National Electric & Auto Supply Company of Peoria, Illinois, and he has become widely recognized as a business man of marked executive ability, sound judgment and keen sagacity.

On the 15th of October, 1903, in Canton, Illinois, Mr. Kingsland was united in marriage to Mayme Louise Lane, who was here born May 4, 1883, a daughter of John Sylvester and Ellen (Benner) Lane. John Sylvester Lane, born in Fulton county, this state, February 22, 1853, was a son of John A. and Rachel (Baker) Lane, who were pioneers of Fulton county. He died December 25, 1921. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Ellen Benner, is a daughter of John and Mary (Defenbaugh) Benner and still resides in Canton. Mrs. Mayme Louise (Lane) Kingsland, a graduate of the Canton high school, is a past noble grand of Rebekah Lodge; past worthy matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, No. 46, Canton, Illinois; and a member of Bethesda Shrine of the White Shrine of Jerusalem in Canton. She also belongs to the Canton Woman's Club and to the Canton Altruistic Club and is a helpful member of the First Baptist Church of Canton. By her marriage she has a son, Lyle George Kingsland, who was born August 6, 1905, and is a graduate of the University of Illinois. He is the capable manager of the Clearview Coal Mine, in which he is interested with his father, and he resides in Canton. On the 22d of June, 1928, he married Aurora Leigh Smith, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur H. Smith, of Kankakee, Illinois.

Mr. Kingsland gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has long manifested an active and helpful interest in civic affairs. He served as mayor of the city of Canton during the two-year term from May, 1914, to May, 1916, and his was a progressive and businesslike administration, characterized by many measures of reform and improvement. During the period of the World war he served as fuel administrator of Fulton county. He is a member of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, of which he served as president in 1913, and is also on the board of directors of the Canton Kiwanis Club, of which he is a charter member. For five or six years he served as secretary and treas-



urer of the Graham Hospital board and for a number of years was a member of the board of the Young Men's Christian Association. He is a charter member of the Canton Country Club, having served on the board of directors as a member of the building committee when the club house was erected. His fraternal connections are extensive. He has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Masonry, is a member of the Mystic Shrine and the White Shrine and is past worthy patron of the Order of the Eastern Star. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; is a past noble grand of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 15, I. O. O. F., of Canton, Illinois; and past patriarch of Star Encampment, No. 17, I. O. O. F. Mr. Kingsland is likewise a member of the Travelers Protective Association, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Baptist Church of Canton, in which he is serving on the board of trustees. His accomplishments but represent the fit utilization of the innate talents which are his and the directing of his efforts along lines where good judgment and discrimination led the way. There is in him a weight of character and fidelity of purpose which has commanded the sincere respect and admiration of the entire community.

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### ARVEL G. CALDWELL

Farmington has been fortunate in the character and ability of the men who have been at the head of its educational affairs, and the present superintendent of the Farmington community high school, Arvel G. Caldwell, has proven in every respect equal to the demands of his responsible position. He was born at Windfall, Tipton county, Indiana, February 22, 1892, and is a son of J. Frank and Maggie (McEntee) Caldwell. The father was born at Windfall, March 9, 1870, and has lived there all his life. He has followed farming and carpentering, is still active in his affairs, and is held in marked esteem throughout his community. He is descended from sterling old pioneer stock, his father, whose family settled in Ohio in an early day, having been an early resident of Indiana. On November 14, 1890, Mr. Caldwell married

Miss Maggie McEntee, who was born in Raleigh, Indiana, January 13, 1872. They are both members of the Christian Church, in the work of which they take an active part.

Arvel G. Caldwell received his elementary education in the Fairy Glade school at Windfall and graduated from the Windfall high school in 1913. He attended the Indiana State Teachers' College, at Terre Haute, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1919. During his high school and college days he was greatly interested in literary work and also did much for the Young Men's Christian Association. After graduating Mr. Caldwell taught rural schools at Windfall for two years, then taught for two years in the high school at Warren, Indiana. He was principal of the Hymera (Ind.) high school for one year, principal of the Farmington (Ill.) high for two years, the Canton (Ill.) high school for five years, principal of the Murphysboro (Ill.) township high school for two years, and then returned to Farmington, where he has since been at the head of the community high school, where he has done splendid work and gained additional prestige as an able and successful educator.

On June 14, 1916, Mr. Caldwell was united in marriage to Miss Lela Muncie, of Brazil, Indiana, who was born May 9, 1898, and is a daughter of S. A. and Rebecca Muncie, of Clinton, Indiana, where the father is employed as a mine inspector. Mrs. Caldwell was educated in the public schools of Brazil, where she had three years of high school work, later graduating from the Farmington (Ill.) high school. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell are the parents of two children, George Arvel, born March 21, 1921, and Mary Helen, September 14, 1925. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell are members of the Christian Church, in which he held the office of elder for several years. He belongs to the Pi Gamma Mu college fraternity, the Illinois State Principals' Association, the Illinois School Masters' Club and the Fulton County School Masters' Club. He and his wife are independent in political action, giving their support to the candidates who in their judgment are best fitted for the offices they seek. Mrs. Caldwell is a great reader and also a lover of outdoor life and athletics. Mr. Caldwell, who takes an active interest in civic affairs, is a reader of the best works on sociology, philosophy, fiction, history and school administration. He is a

man of positive opinions and forceful in their expression, and is sound and dependable in all of the fundamentals of citizenship, of which he is an exemplar. He possesses a pleasing personality, being genial and kindly in his social relations, and is deservedly popular.

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### T. CHESTER COGGESHALL, M. D.

For the past twenty-five years Dr. T. Chester Coggeshall has ministered to the physical ills of the people of Henry, Marshall county, and during this period has risen steadily in public esteem, being recognized as one of the leaders of his profession in this locality. He was born in Winchester, Indiana, in 1880, and is a son of Dr. Job S. and Elizabeth (Barley) Coggeshall, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Ohio. His father took up the study of medicine, but before he had completed his course the Civil war broke out and he entered the Union Army as assistant surgeon, in which capacity he served throughout the war. This service entitled him to a medical certificate and he then moved to Champaign, Illinois, where he successfully practiced medicine until his death, in 1902. His wife died in 1909. They were the parents of three children: Fielding A., who is an attorney in Champaign, Illinois; Hallie, is the wife of H. C. Taylor, of Danville, this state; and T. Chester.

Dr. T. Chester Coggeshall attended the public schools of Champaign and after graduating from high school entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago, the medical school of the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1904. He at once came to Henry and entered into a professional partnership with Dr. Edward G. Cromwell, with whom he practiced until the latter's death, December 30, 1928. He now has Dr. B. Q. Dysart as a partner. The present hospital, a private one, is one of the best equipped in this part of the state. The Doctor has taken post-graduate work in Chicago, Boston and the Royal College of Surgeons at Edinburgh. He keeps up with the advances of modern medical practice, and commands a large and successful practice.





DR. T. CHESTER COGGESHALL



On February 11, 1905, Dr. Coggeshall was united in marriage to Miss Jessie S. McCann, of Champaign, this state, and they are the parents of three children. Mary, born in 1906, Chester, Jr., in 1909, and Robert, in 1911. The Doctor is a member of the Marshall County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, and the Rock Island Surgeons' Association. When the United States became involved in the World war Dr. Coggeshall offered his services and was commissioned a captain in the Medical Corps. After a period of training at Fort Riley, Kansas, he was transferred to Camp Mills, New York, as assistant chief of medicine, remaining there until September, 1918, when he was sent overseas. He was detailed as consulting surgeon for the English, French and American Hospital at La Val, France. Later he became chief of the medical department at Hospital One Hundred Twenty-one, from which he was transferred to Hospital One Hundred Twenty-two, as commanding officer. He rendered able and faithful service and a short time before the armistice, was recommended for promotion to major. He returned home and was honorably discharged in July, 1919. He is a member of the American Legion at Henry and also belongs to the Kiwanis Club. He is a member of an old American family, dating back to colonial days, and his paternal ancestors came to this country from England. He has worthily upheld the prestige of the name which he bears and is one of Henry's most greatly esteemed citizens.

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#### HARVEY S. BUCHER

Harvey S. Bucher has long held a foremost place in the town of Astoria, both because of his outstanding business ability and success and his sterling personal qualities and public-spirited interest in the civic affairs of his community. As president of The Sunshine Stores, he is at the head of one of the town's leading commercial establishments, and his previous record as the head of the local telephone company marked him as a man of progressive ideas and modern methods. He was born in Astoria on April 9, 1889, and is a son of Cyrus and Leah (Gibble) Bucher. A



review of the career of Cyrus Bucher, who died January 24, 1921, will be found in another part of this work.

Harvey S. Bucher began his education in the grade schools of his home neighborhood and graduated from the Astoria high school in 1907. He took up the profession of teaching in 1909 and four years later, in 1913, launched upon his successful business career by buying the Astoria Telephone Company, which he operated until 1924, when he sold it to Earl Yokum. During this eleven-year period the telephone service of the company was improved in every respect, the lines being extended, better equipment installed and a spirit of courtesy and willing service inaugurated. Mr. Bucher became financially interested in The Sunshine Stores in 1919 and is now the president and general business manager of the company, whose history is given on another page of this publication. He has been interested in coal operations, having been the owner of a mine near Astoria, and is the owner of valuable city property in Astoria and farm lands in Fulton county.

On the 25th of November, 1908, Mr. Bucher was united in marriage to Miss Stella McCormick, who was born April 25, 1884, and is a daughter of Benton and Laura (Mercer) McCormick, both of whom were members of old pioneer families of Fulton county. Mrs. Bucher is a member of the Christian Church and belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star. She is an independent voter and is interested in those things which contribute to the welfare of the community. Mr. and Mrs. Bucher are the parents of three children, namely: Christine, who was born in 1909, and is the wife of Galen Danner, of Peoria; Bernard, born October 6, 1916; and Hobart, born September 20, 1920.

Mr. Bucher is one of the most progressive men of his community and has taken the lead in many important local movements. He was the organizer and is now president of the Astoria Community Club, has been an effective advocate of the building of hard-surfaced roads and of local improvements, and was a municipal officer when the present sewer system was constructed and put into operation. He is a supporter of the republican party and served as a member of the city council for two terms. He has served as an officer of the Boy Scouts and is affiliated with the

Masonic fraternity. Golf is his favorite form of outdoor recreation and, as far as time will permit, he manifests his interest in all athletic affairs. He loves to travel and has visited many interesting parts of the United States. Though a busy man, he is never too busy to observe cordiality and friendliness in his relations with his fellowmen, and by them is held in high regard.

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### EDWIN L. COVEY

Edwin L. Covey, a member of the well known law firm of Covey, Campbell & Covey, is one of the leading members of the Peoria county bar and commands a large practice in the courts of this state. He was born in Peoria on the 15th of July, 1889, and is a son of Ira J. and Alta (Linwell) Covey, both of whom are natives of Boone county, Illinois. The father, who was born on October 26, 1872, is the senior member of the firm of Covey, Campbell & Covey. He is a republican in politics and has long been active in public affairs, having served as an alderman in Peoria from 1907 to 1910 and as a member of the Illinois State Legislature in 1910. He and his wife are members of the Union Congregational Church.

Edwin L. Covey attended the public schools of Peoria and graduated from Bradley Polytechnic Institute in 1913. He then took two years of junior college work at that institution, graduating in 1915, after which he matriculated in the University of Illinois, receiving therefrom the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1917. He then entered the college of law of his alma mater, from which he received the degrees of Bachelor of Laws and Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1920. On July 15th of that year he was admitted to the bar and then became associated with the law firm of Covey, Campbell & Covey, of which he became a member in 1922. He is devoting his attention closely to his profession, in which he is making rapid strides, having been uniformly successful in the practice.

On November 2, 1918, in New York city, Mr. Covey was united in marriage to Miss Georgie Blackman, who was born in Peoria and is a daughter of Rufus Eugene and Gertrude (Hewitt) Black-

man, of this city. Mrs. Covey graduated from Washburn high school and Bradley Polytechnic Institute, after which she taught in the high school at Durand, Illinois. She is a member of the Women's Club and the Peoria Players' Club. Her religious connection is with the Universalist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Covey are the parents of two children, Elizabeth Jane, born on January 5, 1923, and Stephen Jenner, born on January 12, 1929.

The republican party receives the support of Mr. Covey and his religious membership is with the Union Congregational Church. He is a member of the Masonic order, in which he has received the degrees of Scottish Rite; the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Delta Tau Delta, the Phi Delta Phi, the Phi Beta Kappa and the Order of the Coif, college fraternities; the University Club of Peoria, the Mount Hawley Country Club and the Exchange Club, while, professionally, he is affiliated with the Peoria County Bar Association, of which he is secretary, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. During the World war Mr. Covey enlisted and was in training at the Great Lakes training station, where he was commissioned an ensign. He was stationed with the United States naval reserve force at Pelham Bay, New York, and was honorably discharged from service on December 18, 1918, in New York city, with the rank of ensign.

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### WILLIAM E. CARROLL

One of the substantial and best known citizens of Tazewell county is William E. Carroll, who is the owner of a well improved and productive farm near East Peoria. He was born at Edina, Knox county, Missouri, on the 21st of April, 1897, a son of Charles and Jennie (Welch) Carroll and a grandson of the late Michael Carroll, who was a farmer in Missouri. Charles Carroll is a native of Illinois and is engaged in farming near East Peoria. He is a republican and takes an active interest in local political affairs. At one time he was one of the commissioners of East Peoria and is at the present time commissioner of highways for Fond du Lac township, Tazewell county.



Jennie (Welch) Carroll was born at Carthage, Illinois, and is a daughter of John and Mary (McHatten) Welch, both of whom are deceased. Their former home was at Carthage and Mr. Welch was an employe of the Wabash Railroad.

William E. Carroll was educated in the public and high schools of East Peoria, after which he engaged in farming, a vocation which he has followed to the present time. He is systematic and up to date in his methods and has met with very gratifying success.

On February 26, 1918, in East Peoria, Mr. Carroll was united in marriage to Miss Clara Wurster, a native of Peoria and a daughter of Mrs. Barbara (Zisler) Wurster, now of East Peoria. Mrs. Carroll attended the public schools of East Peoria and is a member of the Royal neighbors and the Mothers' Club. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll are the parents of three children, namely: Eleanor Catherine, born on November 27, 1919; Gerald William, born on August 12, 1921, and Eileen Mary, born on May 11, 1923. The republican party receives Mr. Carroll's support and he is now serving as commissioner of streets and public improvements of East Peoria. He is also superintendent of the East Peoria sanitary district. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America in East Peoria, of which he is the venerable consul, and he and his wife are members of St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church of East Peoria. He is a candid and straightforward man, is cordial and sincere in his social relations and stalwart in his citizenship, so that he is accorded the confidence and respect of all who know him.

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### ARGUS-SEARCHLIGHT

The Argus-Searchlight resulted from a consolidation of the Astoria Argus and the Astoria Searchlight. The Argus was purchased in 1903 from C. B. Hagan by the present owner, Albert N. Price. At that time the Searchlight was owned by A. E. Scott and in 1910 it was also purchased by Mr. Price, who consolidated the two papers under the name of the Argus-Searchlight. The Astoria Argus was started by a Mr. Harkrader just

after the Civil war. His successor, a Mr. Tate, sold the paper to H. E. McLaren and later it was purchased by C. B. Hagan. A. E. Scott was the founder of the Astoria Searchlight, an organ of the republican party, and the Argus was an independent paper.

The Argus-Searchlight is a republican paper. The plant, which is modern throughout, has two linotypes, a Babcock press, a Diamond power paper cutter, a humming saw, a stereotyping machine and a folder. The shop is equipped to do any kind of printing and a specialty is made of job work. The paper furnishes work to four employes and is housed in an eighteen by ninety foot brick building which is owned by Mr. Price. The Argus-Searchlight is issued each Wednesday and the circulation covers the territory around Astoria. This is a six-column, eight to ten-page weekly which handles all local and international news. A progressive paper, it embodies the best elements of modern journalism and champions every movement calculated to upbuild Astoria and promote the growth of the surrounding district. The editor is fearless and vigorous in his defense of the right and wields a distinct influence in furthering civic advancement, moral interests, fair dealing and the cause of good government.

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### WILLARD F. GERARD

Willard F. Gerard, who owns the leading undertaking establishment in Canton, the Gerard Funeral Home, has shown himself an expert in his calling and, though one of the younger funeral directors of this section of the country, is recognized as one of the most efficient. Mr. Gerard was born in Philadelphia, Missouri, on the 14th of September, 1901, son of Willard F. and Mary P. (Cheney) Gerard. The father, who is of French descent, was born at Troy, New York, January 29, 1851, and for many years was engaged in the grocery business at Geneseo, Illinois, of which locality his father, also named Willard F. Gerard, was a pioneer settler. After living for some years at that place, Willard F. Gerard, the father, moved to Philadelphia, Missouri,

where he engaged in the flour milling business and opened a furniture store, both of which concerns he is still conducting, though eighty years of age. He has applied himself closely to his business interests and has accumulated a fair competency. He is a democrat in his political views and is a member of the Baptist Church. On September 15, 1874, at Geneseo, Illinois, Mr. Gerard was united in marriage to Miss Mary P. Cheney, who was born in Illinois, December 28, 1854. She is a daughter of pioneers of this state, but was orphaned at an early age, her mother dying when she was but an infant and her father when she was two years old. She was reared by an aunt. She is a member of the Baptist Church and has always shown a deep interest in church and civic affairs. To Mr. and Mrs. Gerard were born six children, namely: Frank, deceased; Josephine, the wife of H. E. Moore, of Philadelphia, Missouri; Mary, the wife of T. E. Smoot, of Sayre, Oklahoma; Mae, the wife of R. J. Claggett, of Philadelphia, Missouri; Viola, who is at home with her parents; and Willard.

The last named was educated in the grade schools of his native town, and graduated from high school at Palmyra, Missouri, in 1918. While in school he took a leading part in athletics and was a member of the football team. He then entered the Gem City Business College, at Quincy, Illinois, and was graduated in 1919 in a general commercial course. Going then to Monroe City, Missouri, he spent a year there, after which he engaged in the banking business at Philadelphia, that state, for about two years. He then worked in the Storm Funeral Home at Quincy, Illinois, until 1928, when he entered the Worsham School of Embalming, in Chicago, from which he was graduated. He was licensed to practice his profession in Illinois, July 17, 1929, after which he returned to the Storms Funeral Home at Quincy, of which he had previously been manager, there continuing until he bought the Fisher Funeral Home in Canton, which is now conducted under his name. This business was established by W. F. Fisher in 1883, and was later taken over by his son, Elmer E. Fisher, who conducted the business for forty-seven years. The funeral home, which is located at 158 South Main street, is a three-story brick structure, has its own heating plant and is in every respect a



modern establishment. Included in the equipment is a Packard side-loading funeral car, as well as an invalid car and a family car. Mr. Gerard carries a complete line of caskets, being in a position to render satisfactory service to the wealthiest as well as the poorest of his patrons.

On March 28, 1922, Mr. Gerard was united in marriage to Miss Ida L. Kohl, of Palmyra, Missouri, who was born September 10, 1895, and is a daughter of Leonard and Amanda (Coffman) Kohl, who were natives of Adams county, Illinois. Mr. Kohl was a farmer, and has always been active in his community's civic and public affairs. Mrs. Gerard, who was educated in the schools of Palmyra, Missouri, is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is prominent in social, civic and church affairs. She is the able and efficient assistant to her husband in the undertaking business. A lady of tact and charm, her gracious and kindly manner has won for her a warm place in the hearts of those who know her.

Mr. Gerard is a democrat in politics and is a Presbyterian in his religious belief. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Chamber of Commerce, and is actively interested in community civic affairs. He likes all athletic sports, but his hobbies in the way of outdoor recreation are hunting and fishing. He has applied himself tirelessly to his present business, in which success is crowning his efforts, and is regarded as one of Canton's most progressive and enterprising business men.

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### JAMES F. TRIBBLE

James F. Tribble, who has served for over two decades as cashier of the Bank of Richwoods, at Batchtown, Illinois, is one of the most influential men of his community, having long been an active supporter of those agencies which have contributed to its prosperity. Born in Ray county, Missouri, on the 4th of August, 1858, he is a son of Joseph A. and Mary B. (Gilbert) Tribble, both of whom were natives of Virginia. While young they moved to Missouri with their respective families, and there

met and were married. At the outbreak of the Civil war, the father enlisted in the Union Army with the Sixth Regiment Missouri Volunteer Infantry, in which he was commissioned first lieutenant. He took part in the battle of Lone Jack and other engagements in the west. Later he went south, where he was taken sick and died in a hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1865, just before the close of the war. The widowed mother then took her children to near Hamburg, Illinois, where lived two of her brothers, who helped her. There she reared her three children, namely: James F., of this review, John W., who died in 1927, and Fanny, the wife of Dud Coonrad, of Eldred, Illinois.

James F. Tribble received his early education in the public schools at Hardin, Illinois, and then entered Kendree College, at Lebanon, Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1884. He took a course in law and was admitted to the bar of this state in 1885, but did not practice that profession. Instead he taught school until 1908, serving many years as principal of the school at Batchtown. In 1908 the Bank of Richwoods was organized, with E. E. Williams as president, William Franklin as vice president and James F. Tribble as cashier, and these three gentlemen have retained their respective offices to the present time. This is one of the best country banks in the lower Illinois River Valley and Mr. Tribble has been a large factor in its success.

Mr. Tribble was married April 21, 1881, to Miss Fanny Greamba, of Meppen, Illinois, who died January 23, 1901, leaving three children. Maude, born April 14, 1883, is the wife of M. S. Maston, of Chicago, Illinois, and has a daughter, Louise; Herbert R., born September 16, 1886, died June 9, 1920; and Joe F., born December 25, 1891, lives in Omaha, Nebraska. He married Miss Hazel Murphy and has two children, William and James. On August 7, 1902, Mr. Tribble was united in marriage to Mrs. Laura Birkhead, of Kansas City, Missouri, and to them two children were born, Foster, born October 1, 1903, and Mary Jane, born February 18, 1907, who is the wife of Elmer W. Franke, of Batchtown. Mrs. Tribble passed away August 19, 1924, and Mr. Tribble now makes his home with his daughter, Mary Jane.

In his political alignment Mr. Tribble has always been a republican, active in the support of that party, and was nominated

for county judge in April, 1930. He was a delegate to the state conventions which nominated governors Yates, Deneen and Lowden. He and Deneen were schoolmates. He is a member of Hardin Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and Mississippi Valley Consistory, A. A. S. R., at East St. Louis. A member of the Methodist Episcopal church, he has been a trustee for twenty years and for many years teacher of the Bible class in the Sunday school. During the late war he served effectively as chairman of the local Liberty Loan drives, and has always been active in his support of movements for the betterment of the community along material, civic or moral lines. Because of his splendid record as business man and citizen he fully merits the high place which he holds in public regard.

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#### TIMM SOLDWEDEL

Among the late residents of Pekin, Tazewell county, none is remembered with higher feelings of respect than is Timm Soldwedel, who during his residence here was widely known for his business ability, his sterling integrity, and his generosity and kindness. Industrious and persistent, in the course of time he realized a commensurate reward for his years of intensive efforts, while in civic and political affairs he was a prominent factor. Mr. Soldwedel was born in Hamburg, Germany, in April, 1830, a son of Christian and Elizabeth Soldwedel. When he was still quite young he was apprenticed to and learned the shoemaking trade, but he never worked at it as a journeyman, as the death of his father made it necessary for him to take charge of the home farm. He gave his attention to agricultural pursuits in Germany until 1866, when he came with his family, consisting of his wife and four daughters, to the United States. He sailed from Germany on the *Teutonia*, a steamship which made the voyage to New York harbor in nineteen days, which was the fastest ocean passage made at that time. From New York the family traveled by train to Manito, Illinois, which town had been started but a short time before their arrival, and they there passed through the typical experiences of the pioneers of that region.



He engaged in farming, and later also launched into the cattle raising industry and the dairy business, in both of which he became very successful. The dairy business thus established by him has been carried on to the present time by his son and grandsons. He continued farming and dairying to the time of his tragic death, being killed by a train March 5, 1895, while engaged in hauling feed.

On October 29, 1856, in Hamburg, Germany, Mr. Soldwedel was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Clausen, who was born in that city September 2, 1832. She was an active member of the Lutheran Church, active in its societies, and was a quiet, home-loving woman, her chief interest centering in her family. She was economical and a good manager and was a most potent factor in her husband's success. Her heritage to her children was the example of a pure, earnest and consistent Christian life, and her death, November 26, 1905, was greatly regretted throughout the community.

Timm Soldwedel was an active member of the Lutheran Church and his political support was given to the democratic party, in the success of which he was always interested. He was a genial, good natured man, with many friends all over the county in which he lived. He was noted for his honesty and for his willingness to assist his needy fellowmen. He was a reader of good literature and was a well informed man. His hobby was fine cattle and he became the owner of the first herd of thoroughbred Holstein cattle brought into this part of the country. He was progressive and through his individual efforts he contributed to a very definite degree to the development and progress of this section of the state.

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### C. RODNEY BOYNTON

Among the younger business leaders of Vermont, Fulton county, stands C. Rodney Boynton, the owner and editor of the Vermont Union, one of the most progressive and influential newspapers of this section of the Illinois River Valley. Mr. Boynton was born in Vermont on February 19, 1905, and is a son of Dr.

L. V. and Clara (Staggs) Boynton. The father was born in Fulton county and received his public school education in Vermont. He attended the normal school and academy of Bushnell College, at Bushnell, Illinois, and after his graduation there he matriculated in the medical school of Washington University, at St. Louis, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He entered upon the practice of his profession in Vermont, Fulton county, where he continued, with marked success, until 1926, since which year he has been a resident of Peoria, where he is enjoying a large practice. He is a republican in his political views and is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Professionally, he is affiliated with the Peoria County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is greatly interested in athletics, particularly football and boxing, and is a talented musician, being a member of the Shrine chanters. Dr. Boynton is a veteran of the World war, for which he enlisted in the Medical Corps in May, 1918. During his period of service he was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, and at the close of the war was honorably discharged, with the rank of first lieutenant. He is now a member of the Medical Reserve Corps. He married Miss Clara Staggs, a daughter of John Henry and Emma (Johnston) Staggs and a niece of James W. Staggs, a personal sketch of whom appears on other pages of this work. John H. Staggs, who is now living at Avon, Fulton county, was long engaged in farming and stock-raising in that locality. His wife is deceased. Clara (Staggs) Boynton was born at Avon and was graduated from high school there. She now lives at their home in Peoria. She loves to travel and, with her husband, has visited many parts of the United States and Canada. To Mr. and Mrs. Boynton have been born two children, C. Rodney, of this review, and Edison Leroy, born May 11, 1913, and now in school in Peoria.

C. Rodney Boynton attended the public schools of Vermont, graduating from high school in 1923, and during his student days in that institution was a leader in various activities, being a member of the football and basket-ball teams and president of the senior class. In the fall of 1923 he entered the University of

Illinois, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in accounting. He went to work for the Keystone Steel and Fence Company at Peoria, and one year later bought the Vermont Union, of which he has made a distinctive success. While in college Mr. Boynton took a very active part in various student organizations, being a member of Sachem, the junior honorary society, and Mawanda, the senior honorary society, and belonged to the Chi Beta fraternity, the student council, the athletic board of control, was manager of intramural athletics, a director of the Young Men's Christian Association and chairman of the financial drive for that institution.

The Vermont Union is the outcome of the consolidation of three papers which formerly served this community, the Vermont Chronicle, Vermont Eye and Vermont Fultonian, the oldest of these being the Eye. Mr. Boynton bought the printing plant, subscription list and good will from J. Ross Arnold in 1928 and in his management of the paper has shown himself possessed of the essential qualifications of the successful newspaper man. He is a progressive, wide awake and energetic business man, is a graceful and pleasing writer and aims to print all the news while it is news. The Union is issued twice a week and is a welcome visitor in most of the homes of this section of Fulton county. The printing plant is complete and modern in its equipment and in it are employed four persons. In his editorial utterances Mr. Boynton stands uncompromisingly for those things which contribute to the community well-being, opposes everything detrimental to the public welfare, and, both personally and through the columns of his paper, exerts a wholesome influence among his fellowmen.

On September 15, 1928, Mr. Boynton was married to Miss Margaret Ayres Whitney, who was born in Vermont on May 31, 1905, and is a daughter of C. M. and Laura (Freeman) Whitney, of whom the latter is deceased. Mr. Whitney is engaged in the dry goods and ready-to-wear clothing business in Vermont and is one of his city's best known business men. Mrs. Boynton is a graduate of the Vermont high school and graduated from Knox College with the degree of Bachelor of Science in history. She is a member of the Phi Beta Phi sorority and the Mortar Board,



senior honorary society. She is a republican in politics, belongs to the Christian Church and is a member of the P. E. O. She taught history in the Vermont high school one year and is a constant reader, especially of educational literature. Mr. Boynton is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Modern Woodmen of America, and his religious connection is with the Christian Church. He is fond of athletics, particularly of football, plays golf and does much hunting and fishing. He and his wife have traveled much throughout this country. Well educated, a clear and logical thinker and a man of positive convictions, he is numbered among Vermont's influential citizens and has well merited the success which is his.

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### J. E. CRONIN

Important business interests have been intrusted to J. E. Cronin, who is successfully managing the affairs of the Farmers Cooperative Company of Mount Sterling. He was born in Missouri township, Brown county, February 8, 1897, a son of J. R. Cronin, who was a lifelong resident of this county and of Irish lineage. The paternal grandfather of J. E. Cronin came to this country from the Emerald isle and cast in his lot with the early settlers of Brown county. J. R. Cronin was a farmer and stock raiser and also a dealer in lumber, grain and feed at Mount Sterling, operating under the style of the J. R. Cronin Company. He established the business in 1913 and conducted it until 1917, when the plant was destroyed by fire. He was one of the organizers and stockholders of the Mount Sterling Telephone Company but his interest centered in agricultural pursuits and he was regarded as one of the most progressive farmers in Brown county. His investments were judiciously placed and prosperity attended all of his undertakings. In religious belief he was a Roman Catholic and had membership in St. Mary's Church of Mount Sterling. Fraternally he was identified with the Knights of Columbus and his political support was given to the democratic party. His wife, Anna Frances (Cronin) Cronin, also a member of an old family of Brown county, departed this life in 1926



MR. AND MRS. J. E. CRONIN





and on the 24th of March, 1930, he was called to his final rest. Six children were born to them: P. H., who is cultivating the home farm; Helen, now Mrs. W. D. Armstrong, of Mount Sterling; J. E.; Joanna, the wife of F. A. Griffin, of Lincoln, Nebraska; Albert, who lives in Beloit, Wisconsin; and Laura, who was married to L. C. Meyer and resides in Galesburg, Illinois.

J. E. Cronin was reared on the homestead and attended school in that district. For a time he was associated with his father in the J. R. Cronin Company and then became a traveling salesman, spending two years on the road. In 1917 he enlisted in the United States Navy and was sent to the Great Lakes Training Station at Lake Bluff, Illinois, where he remained until mustered out of the service at the close of the war. He returned home and in 1928 was made manager of the Mount Sterling Farmers Cooperative Company, which was organized July 7, 1920, as a corporation with the following officers: A. A. McCoy, president; J. R. Cronin, vice president; and J. C. Sweeny, secretary and treasurer. Associated with them on the board of directors were H. B. Elbus, Herman Lanning, O. Patterson, Lee McClelland and W. W. Klingler. The officers and directors are chosen for a term of three years, three being elected each year. The present executives of the corporation are: W. B. Molley, president; J. E. Bordenkercher, vice president; and Henry Adams, secretary and treasurer. Serving with them on the board of directors are Fred Koch, R. A. Kerr, A. Kerr, Russell Park, Fred Barron and Joseph Koch. The organizers purchased the old elevators that had formerly been owned by Clark & Company and the John Gaddis & Son Milling Company. These buildings have been remodeled and converted into a modern plant and a lumber yard has been added. The company operates a feed mill and handles feed, lumber, coal, seed and material used for fences. The profits made from the sale of these commodities are paid to the one hundred and fifty stockholders of the company. Its first manager, W. O. McCoy, acted in that capacity for eighteen months and his successor, W. T. Purcell, was with the company for two years. Herman Lanning, the third manager, filled the position for about four years and in 1928 his place was taken by Mr. Cronin, whose well directed efforts have been manifestly

resultant. The company has invested forty-five thousand dollars in this business and is now making money after several years of struggle.

On the 3d of December, 1926, Mr. Cronin was married to Miss Lucille G. Lueker, who was born in Vandalia, Illinois, December 16, 1903. Her father, Adolph Lueker, was born July 2, 1879, and is a sheet metal worker. He was married September 10, 1900, to Miss Rose Woehner, who was born May 18, 1879, and they make their home in Mount Sterling. Mrs. Cronin completed her high school education at St. Louis, Missouri, in 1922, afterward graduating from the Brown Business College at Jacksonville, Illinois, and has since been employed as a bookkeeper by the Mount Sterling Farmers Cooperative Company. She has a pleasing, well trained voice and has also developed her artistic talent in other directions, manifesting considerable skill in oil painting. Like her husband, she is a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church and her political allegiance is given to the republican party but Mr. Cronin is a democrat. He is a past commander of the local post of the American Legion, also a member of the 40 and 8 Club, and his wife is connected with the woman's Auxiliary of the Legion. In the Knights of Columbus he holds the office of grand knight and was made a fourth degree member of that organization at Quincy, Illinois. For relaxation he turns to golf and through healthful outdoor exercise maintains his physical well being, at the same time promoting his mental powers, which have carried him into important relations. Mr. Cronin is an aggressive young business man of keen sagacity and his record reflects credit upon the family name, which has long been an honored one in Brown county.

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#### VERNE CLAIRE WALTER, D. C.

Dr. Verne Claire Walter, a leading chiropractor, who has built up a large practice at Canton, where he has been located since his graduation in 1926, was born in Bushnell, McDonough county, Illinois, on the 7th of November, 1902, and is a son of Elmer E. and Osa E. (Hand) Walter and a grandson of Henry Walter, a

pioneer settler of Fulton county. Elmer E. Walter was born near Canton, Illinois, is of German descent, and has always followed farming, having been for many years located near Bushnell. He attended the grade schools of Fulton county and attended the Teachers' Normal College at Bushnell for three years. He is a democrat, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons. Though not an office seeker, he was elected and served a number of years as a member of the school board. He has been a hard worker, is thorough in everything he does and has been successful, having accumulated considerable land, on which he carries on diversified farming and stock-raising. His wife, who was born in Iowa, is a member of the Methodist Church, belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star and the Home Bureau of her county. Though active and helpful in community social and civic affairs, her chief interest lies in her home and family. To Mr. and Mrs. Walter were born four children, as follows: Lloyd F., who was born April 12, 1899, and met with an accidental death; Zora Mae, born May 15, 1901, now the wife of Harold Stephens, of Prairie City, Illinois; Verne C.; and Leo W., born on November 25, 1903, now engaged in farming near Bushnell, Illinois.

Verne C. Walter received his early education in the public schools of Bushnell, graduating from high school in 1922. He was a member of the basketball team, and was also active in interscholastic debates, winning the county championship. During his vacation periods he assisted his father in the work of the home farm. In 1923 he entered the National College of Chiropractic, in Chicago, graduating with the degrees of Doctor of Chiropractic and Philosopher of Chiropractic in 1926. In that year he was licensed to practice in this state and at once opened an office in Canton, where he has since followed his profession, which he has thoroughly mastered so that he has been very successful in the curing of human ailments, and holds a high place in public regard.

On March 19, 1927, Dr. Walter married Miss Lois M. Shaw, who was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, February 28, 1906, a daughter of Ora and Carrie Shaw. She graduated from the Bushnell (Ill.) high school in 1924, belongs to the Methodist Epis-



copal Church, is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and is independent in her political views. Politically Dr. Walter is a democrat, but not active in party affairs. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Young Men's Christian Association, the American Red Cross Society and the Men's Club, while his religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He and his wife are fond of athletic sports and spend much of their time out of doors. They are extremely popular in the social circles of Canton.

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### ROSS L. DUNN

Ross L. Dunn, proprietor of Dunn's Floral Shop, in Canton, is one of that city's progressive, energetic and prosperous business men and well merits the success which has crowned his efforts. He was born in Canton on the 3d of October, 1900, a son of William F. and Mary A. (McCarty) Dunn. The father, of Scotch-Irish descent, was born in Bloomington, Illinois, May 3, 1865, and learned the moulder's trade, which he followed to the time of his retirement. He has since given his attention to vegetable and fruit farming. He has always been a close reader and hard student and is a well educated man. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church and maintains an independent attitude in politics. His wife was born in Bloomington, Illinois, March 13, 1870, is also a Catholic in her religious faith and belongs to the Royal Neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn became the parents of five children, as follows: William, of Canton, born October 27, 1893; Pearl, a professional nurse in Canton, born August 3, 1896; Edith, of Peoria, born October 27, 1898; Ross L.; and Glen, of Peoria, Illinois, born January 1, 1908.

Ross L. Dunn received his educational training in the grade schools of Canton and was in the P. & O. plow shops for five years. He then started to work at the greenhouse and floral business as an employe of the Noble Floral Company, with which he remained for two years, and then established his present business, in the management of which he has shown ability, having built up a gratifying business. He renders prompt and efficient ser-

vice, is absolutely reliable and is well established in the public confidence. He handles all kinds of cut flowers, potted plants, artificial flowers, bulbs, seeds, birds and bird supplies, goldfish and goldfish supplies. He is an expert floral designer, this line of work requiring much of his time. He owns three acres of good land, devoted to the growing of fruits, plants, vegetables and flowers, and he is assisted in his work by his father and sister. His shop is at 6 West Pine street, Canton. He is independent in his political views, takes a commendable interest in public affairs, especially of a local nature, and is one of Canton's best known young business men.

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### THE SUNSHINE STORES

The Sunshine Stores of Astoria handle every line of merchandise, "Everything for Everybody," and are the largest in this section of the country. Dilworth Carter erected the east portion of the building in 1876 and therein conducted a men's furnishings and dry goods store for a number of years. The west half of the structure was built by Irwin and Harry Carter, who for several years dealt in hardware. In 1907 the two stores were combined under the name of the Danner-Larew Company of Astoria. In 1919 the business was purchased by H. S. Bucher, Henry Lehman and William O. Falkenstein, who conducted it as the Danner-Larew Company until 1922, when the name was changed to The Sunshine Stores. They carried on their interests under a partnership relation until 1931, when the business was incorporated with the following officers: H. S. Bucher, president; Henry Lehman, secretary; and William O. Falkenstein, vice president.

The building of The Sunshine Stores is one hundred and thirty-two by fifty feet, which is the space occupied by the two original structures, the wall between them having been torn away in 1931. It is two stories in height, with basement, and is utilized in its entirety by the proprietors of The Sunshine Stores, who employ from ten to twenty people. They are dealers in fence, radios, pumps, notions, footwear, spouting, groceries, hardware,

plumbing, furniture, dry goods, paints, oils, queensware, work clothes, ready-to-wear, floor coverings, cream separators, farm light plants, builders' supplies, electrical supplies, electric refrigeration and general merchandise and have developed a successful and growing enterprise. They do business on both a cash and credit basis and check their stock each month, this being equivalent to an invoice. By their system they are able to forecast profits and business, by former years, within a few cents. They also know the profits of each month and can tell just what the net profits are. Store meetings are held regularly, attended by all the employes, and the business is conducted in harmony with the most up-to-date and modern methods. The store is situated on Astoria's busiest corner and its personnel is of the most progressive type.

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#### MISS MARY ITALIN

Miss Mary Italin, one of the most beloved citizens of Washington, Tazewell county, has taught in the public schools of this city continuously for fifty-four years. In this most exacting and useful calling she has shown marked capability and no resident of this locality commands the esteem of the people in greater degree. Born in Peoria, Illinois, on the 20th of August, 1860, she is a daughter of Conrad and Marguerite Ellen (Boilottat) Italin. The father was born in France, December 21, 1824, and was there reared to young manhood. Coming to the United States, he located in New York city, but later moved to Buffalo, that state. From there he went to Ohio and thence came to Illinois. In 1860 he settled in Peoria, but a year later became a resident of Washington, where he spent the remaining years of his life, making shoemaking his occupation. He was a democrat in politics and a Catholic in his religious faith. A man of keen and alert mentality, he was a constant reader of educational literature and, though reserved and quiet in manner, had many friends and was highly respected wherever known. In his earlier years he greatly enjoyed hunting, but later turned his attention more to flowers and gardening. He was noted for his sterling character and



high ideals and was an asset to his community. He died in September, 1888, and is buried at Washington. On August 10, 1850, in Buffalo, New York, Mr. Italin was married to Miss Marguerite Ellen Boilottat, who was born in France, December 4, 1830. In young girlhood she was brought to the United States by her parents, who settled in Buffalo. Mrs. Italin was a member of the Catholic Church in her earlier years, but later affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, of which she became an earnest and loyal member. She possessed a social nature, enjoyed the companionship of her friends, was kindly and gracious in all of her personal relations, and was an ideal wife, mother and homemaker. She was particularly fond of flowers. She passed away in November, 1896, and is buried in the cemetery at this place.

Mary Italin, or "Miss Mary," as she is affectionately called throughout the community, attended the public schools of Washington and in 1876 was a member of the first class to graduate from the local high school. In the fall of that year she began teaching school and has taught during every term since. With the exception of two years when she taught in the second grade, she has spent this entire period in the first grade, where her love for children has had full opportunity for expression in her kindly and conscientious work in the very beginning of their schooling. Miss Italin estimates that about three thousand pupils have been under her supervision during her more than a half century of educational work, and among these many have since become prominent in their respective vocations, including statesmen, ministers, lawyers, doctors, engineers, scientists and business men. In several instances she has taught three generations in the same family. At each recurrence of her birthday anniversary she receives hundreds of cards and gifts from her "boys and girls," all over the United States, who thus express their appreciation of her character, attainments and her interest in them. As a further recognition of their mutual regard for her, her old pupils erected a large and beautiful flower urn in the city park.

Miss Italin is a democrat in her political affiliation and takes a deep interest in the public affairs of her community, being an active supporter of those things which contribute to the civic, social and moral welfare of the city and county. She is an active

member of the Presbyterian Church and has taught in the Sunday school. She belongs to the Women's Club and the Delphian Club, both of Washington; is a student and lover of biography and a constant reader of educational publications and has traveled extensively throughout this country. She owns her home in Washington and is a lover of flowers and art and is herself an accomplished artist. Gracious and tactful, her thoughtfulness and rare charm endear her to all who know her.

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### WILLIAM DONALD ANDERSON

William D. Anderson, of Canton, who is very ably and satisfactorily filling the position of assistant state's attorney, is one of the brilliant and successful young members of the Fulton county bar. He was born in Monticello, Illinois, on the 11th of February, 1902, and is a son of Thompson J. and Elizabeth Jones (Turner) Anderson. The paternal grandfather, William J. Anderson, was a native of Ireland, and on coming to this country first settled in New York state, but later became a pioneer of Piatt county, Illinois. Thompson J. Anderson was born in Piatt county, July 25, 1867, and was reared to the occupation of farming, which he followed throughout his active life. He was a man of splendid character, thorough in everything he did, and was widely and favorably known. He was largely self-educated and for many years taught school in Piatt county. Later he was elected to the state legislature and served as county superintendent of highways. He is an active member and an official of the Presbyterian Church, is a Knight Templar, a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a great friend of the schools, is an inveterate reader of educational works and magazines, has been a member of the school board for the past sixteen years, and is a man of progressive tendencies, active and influential in local civic affairs. He owns well improved and valuable farm land and gives much of his attention to raising livestock. On February 1, 1900, in St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Elizabeth Jones Turner, who was born August 16, 1870, in Piatt

county, Illinois, a daughter of Hockett Foster and Matilda (Jones) Turner, who were farming people. She received a good education and for many years was a teacher in the schools of Piatt county, Illinois, and Missouri. She is an earnest member of the Presbyterian Church and takes an active part in the work of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Woman's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have two children, William Donald, and Marian, born September 19, 1906, and now at home.

William D. Anderson attended the public schools of Piatt county, graduating from the Monticello high school in 1918. He took an active part in school athletics, belonging to the high school baseball, football and basketball teams, and was also a member of the dramatic club. In 1918 he entered the University of Illinois, which he attended three years, after which he taught school in Piatt county for three years. Returning to the university in 1924, he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1925. He had decided to devote his life to the legal profession and to this end entered the law school of his alma mater, winning the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1927. While in school he became a member of the Gamma Eta Gamma law fraternity. He was connected with the Household Finance Corporation of Springfield, Illinois, as a field man, until the spring of 1928. In October of that year he was admitted to practice and opened a law office in Bement, Illinois, where he continued until December 1, 1930, when he was appointed assistant state's attorney of Fulton county, under State's Attorney G. Ray Senift, who is his law partner in Canton.

On March 8, 1929, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Helen Hall, a daughter of Daniel and Effie (Fisher) Hall, at St. Louis, Missouri. Her father is a real estate and insurance man at Bement, Illinois. Mrs. Anderson was born June 1, 1903, graduated from the Bement high school in 1921, and attended the Illinois Woman's College at Jacksonville and the University of Illinois. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church, belongs to the choir, being a talented singer, as well as an accomplished instrumental player. She is active in social and civic affairs and is a member of the Woman's Club of Bement. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are the parents of a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born Feb-



ruary 18, 1930. The family home is in Canton, and in social circles they are popular.

Mr. Anderson is a republican in his political views and is greatly interested in those things which have bearing on the welfare of his community and county. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church and is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Modern Woodmen of America and is active in Red Cross work. He is greatly interested in boys' welfare work and is a strong supporter of the Boy Scouts. He exemplifies a fine type of citizenship and is regarded as a distinct asset to his community.

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### SMITHFIELD STATE BANK

The Smithfield State Bank was organized at Smithfield, Illinois, as a state bank December 14, 1914, and opened its doors for business January 7, 1915. The original board of directors was composed of A. H. Waughtel, Frank Welch, N. J. Judd, M. M. Waughtel, G. E. Rector, W. L. Robinson, Peter Joachim, Ed. Hancock and J. J. McDermet. Its first officers were: A. H. Waughtel, president; W. L. Robinson, vice president; and W. R. Davis, cashier.

Before its organization as a state bank this institution was known as the Smithfield Bank and was owned by W. N. and C. L. Reynolds, who continued it as a private bank from 1893 until January 18, 1902, when John Howard and A. W. Voorhees were taken into the firm as partners. On that date the Reynolds, Howard & Voorhees Company was formed to operate the Bank of Smithfield. This name was retained until the institution was chartered as a state bank with a capital of \$25,000, which remains the same. The business is housed in a two-story brick building and the bank contains modern furniture and equipment. It is a progressive institution, keeping in touch with the wants of its patrons. The officers are courteous and obliging and this is rightly designated as "The Bank that makes you feel at home."

The statement of December 31, 1930, showed a surplus of \$10,000, undivided profits of \$1,251, demand deposits amounting

to \$56,218, time deposits of \$70,657, and total resources of \$163,143.

The present officers of the bank are: A. H. Waughtel, president; W. L. Robinson, vice president; L. L. Sutherland, cashier; and Vera Burrell, assistant cashier. The personnel of the board of directors is as follows: A. H. Waughtel, W. L. Robinson, F. D. Hinderliter, Peter Joachim, George L. Snively, M. M. Waughtel and L. L. Sutherland.

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### DANIEL T. CLOUD

Daniel T. Cloud, who holds the responsible position of managing officer of the State School for the Deaf at Jacksonville, has had extensive experience in this particular field of public service and is conducting this institution in a manner that has gained for him public commendation. A native of St. Louis, Missouri, he was born on the 13th of June, 1900, and is a son of James H. and Lulu O. (Herdman) Cloud, both of whom are natives of Illinois and are the parents of four children.

Mr. Cloud received his elementary education in private and public schools in his home city, later attending Sewanee Military Academy and the University of Florida. He entered the law school of the University of Arkansas, at Little Rock, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, in 1922. While in college, he accepted the position of assistant to the principal and superintendent of the Arkansas State School for the Deaf, and in 1924 was made superintendent of that institution. He held that position until May of the following year, when he resigned to accept the superintendency of the Kansas State School for the Deaf, with which he remained until August, 1929, when he came to his present position with the Illinois School for the Deaf. He fully measures up to the demands of the position which he is filling and the school is in all of its departments functioning in a very satisfactory manner.

In 1924 Mr. Cloud was united in marriage to Miss Mary Theresa Adams, of Bolton, Mississippi, and they are the parents of a son, Dan T., Jr., now four and a half years old, and a daugh-

ter, Theresa Ann, born in April, 1930. In his political views Mr. Cloud is a stanch republican, and his religious connection is with the Protestant Episcopal Church, having served as warden of the church at Olathe, Kansas. He is a member of Jacksonville Lodge, No. 570, A. F. & A. M., at Jacksonville, Illinois; Olathe (Kansas) Chapter, No. 10, R. A. M.; Olathe Commandery, No. 39, K. T.; Abdallah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Leavenworth, Kansas; and the Zinga Bad Grotto at Jacksonville. He is a man of capability and worth, combining with his business and executive ability a cordiality and sincerity of manner that have gained for him many warm friends throughout the wide range of his acquaintance.

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### FRED R. SOLDWEDEL

Fred R. Soldwedel, a member of the firm of Fred H. Soldwedel & Sons, manufacturers of dairy products, and one of Pekin's well known young business men was born in Pekin on the 24th of May, 1906. His parents, Fred H. and Clara (Reuling) Soldwedel, are mentioned in a separate sketch on other pages of this work. Fred R. Soldwedel received his early education in the grade and high schools of his home city, and attended the Missouri Military Academy and summer school at Lake Taneycomo, at Branson, Missouri, for one term. He also attended the Iowa State College two years, devoting his attention to the dairy industry. While in that institution he was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity. In 1929 he returned home and became a partner of his father and brother in the Soldwedel ice cream factory, with which he is still connected and in the operation of which his practical knowledge of dairy methods is put to effective use.

Mr. Soldwedel was married in 1930 to Elizabeth Wilmot, a daughter of Harry Wilmot (deceased) and Ella Knechs Wilmot. She is a graduate of the Pekin high school and attended Ward-Belmont Seminary and the University of Illinois.

Mr. Soldwedel is a democrat in his political views and is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Masons and the Association of Commerce. He is a constant reader and close student, being partial to history and educational subjects. He



is greatly interested in agriculture and stock-raising and is the owner of some very fine stock. He is fond of all outdoor sports, hunting and fishing being his favorite forms of recreation. He is well known throughout this community, is deservedly popular in his social circles and is highly regarded by all who know him.

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### CLARENCE W. MAGARET

Dr. Clarence W. Magaret, who has been engaged in the practice of medicine in Peoria for the past eight years, has earned a splendid reputation for his medical learning and ability and commands a large and representative practice. He was born in Pekin, Illinois, on the 3d of June, 1892, and is a son of Rev. Ernst Carl and Johanna Charlotte (Balcke) Magaret. His father was born in Germany on July 7th, 1846, and died at Omaha, Nebraska, on July 3d, 1924. He was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he held a number of important pastorates, and was a republican in politics. His wife was born in Germany, November 18, 1852, and died in Omaha, Nebraska, on December 12, 1928.

Clarence M. Magaret attended the public schools of Peoria and Pekin, and graduated from the high school at Belleville, Illinois, in 1910. He graduated from the Bradley Polytechnic Institute in 1915, and then entered the University of Chicago, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1917. He pursued his studies in Rush Medical College, which conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1919. He served for two years as interne in the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, after which he came to Peoria, where he has practiced to the present time. He conducts a general practice in medicine and surgery and his uniform success in the combatting of human ailments has gained for him a fine reputation in the professional circles of his community.

On September 16, 1924, in Peoria, Dr. Magaret was united in marriage to Miss Vivian Lee Wilson, a native of Metamora, Illinois, and a daughter of Lee S. and Alta (Toole) Wilson, of Peoria. Mrs. Magaret attended the Peoria public schools and later the

Chicago Conservatory of Music, of which she is a graduate. Prior to her marriage she was a vocal teacher and is now a professional singer. Dr. and Mrs. Magaret are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Ann, born on December 5, 1928.

Dr. Magaret has always supported the republican party in politics and he and his wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. The Doctor is a member of the Peoria County Medical Society, of which he is a secretary and treasurer; the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He served as assistant county physician in 1925-26 and is at this time city bacteriologist and chemist. He is pathologist and vice president of the medical staff of the John C. Proctor Hospital in Peoria, and is associated with Dr. George Mitchell in the sanitarium and the Mitchell farm. He is a member of the Phi Gamma Delta and Alpha Kappa Kappa college fraternities, the Sigma Phi fraternity of the Bradley Institute, the University Club, the Mount Hawley Country Club and the Orpheum Club of Peoria. During the war he was a member of the Students Army Training Corps of Chicago, and is now a member of the Medical Reserve Corps. His favorite forms of recreation are golf and gardening, while his favorite art is music. He is a man of wide interests, especially in such things as pertain to the progress and general welfare of his community, while, personally, he possesses to a marked degree those qualities which make for lasting friendships.

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### BUELL BRAKE

Formerly justice of the peace of Lee township, Buell Brake has achieved state-wide prominence in politics and is now democratic central committeeman of the twentieth congressional district. He was born in Lee township, Brown county, Illinois, April 29, 1897, a son of Cornelius Brake, who was a native of Morgan county, this state. The paternal grandfather came to Illinois from Nebraska in the early days, taking up his abode in Morgan county, whence he removed to Brown county shortly before the outbreak of the Civil war. Enlisting in the Union Army, Cor-



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nelius Brake joined the One Hundred and Nineteenth Regiment of Illinois Volunteer Infantry and served for three years under General Don Carlos Buell. After the war he resumed the occupation of farming, which constituted his life work. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and his political support was given to the democratic party. On the 26th of November, 1891, he was married in Mount Sterling to Miss Eliza Woods, who was born in Brown county, June 7, 1861, a daughter of James and Agnes (Taylor) Woods, who were early settlers in that county. Mrs. Brake is a devout member of the Methodist Church and exercises her right of franchise in support of the candidates of the democratic party. She is sixty-nine years of age and has long survived her husband, who passed away May 29, 1900. They had a family of four children: Florence, who was born September 17, 1892, and is the wife of E. R. Hamilton, of Adams county, Illinois; Ella, who was born April 30, 1894, and is now Mrs. Herschel Snyder, of Morgan county, Illinois; Truman, who was born August 22, 1895, and died in 1899; and Buell.

Buell Brake pursued his studies in the schools of Brown county and spent his early life on the home farm. Entering commercial circles, he became a salesman and has since continued in that capacity, with the exception of the period devoted to military service. He enlisted September 20, 1918, becoming a member of the One Hundred and Sixty-first Regiment of United States Infantry, and was mustered out at Camp Grant on December 16, of that year.

Appreciative of his ability and worth, Mr. Brake's fellow townsmen elected him to the office of justice of the peace and he has also served on the Mount Sterling board of school directors. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has been a stalwart democrat, doing all in his power to further the success of the party, and exerts a strong influence in its councils. He was an alternate delegate to the democratic national convention at Houston, Texas, and has frequently been chosen as a delegate of the party, in addition to serving on a number of its committees, while he is now making preparations for the coming presidential campaign. On the 20th of April, 1930, he was elected democratic state central committeeman for the twentieth con-

gressional district of Illinois as the result of his activities in state and national politics and his work in behalf of the party. Although young in years, his achievements in this connection are outstanding and his acquaintance with political leaders and intimate knowledge of politics insure his continued progress in this field of activity. With J. O. Lawless, a well known lawyer, he occupies a suite of offices in Mount Sterling. Mr. Brake has been a leading spirit in projects for road development and in movements for civic growth and improvement. He belongs to the American Legion and has membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, exemplifying its teachings in his daily life. He has a wide acquaintance and his personal qualities are such as make for esteem and friendship.

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### RALPH MAYO FIELD

The members of the Association of Commerce of Peoria are not backward in their praise of the splendid work which has been done here by Ralph M. Field, formerly manager of the traffic department of that organization and now its business manager. A man of wide experience and marked executive ability, he is rendering a high type of service to the community in general through the association and is greatly respected by all who know him. Mr. Field was born in Rock Island, Illinois, on the 4th of October, 1876, and is a son of Stellman Whiteman Kendall and Charlotte (Woodman) Field. His father was born in Branford, New Haven county, Connecticut, and died at Medicine Lodge, Kansas, in 1902. In early life he and his brother, James Field, were engaged in a mercantile business in Rock Island, but later he gave his attention mainly to farming and cattle raising. The mother was born in Peoria county, Illinois, and died in Rock Island, this state, in November, 1876. She was a daughter of William and Mary (Mayo) Woodward, the former of whom was a native of Ireland and the latter of England, and both died in Rock Island.

Ralph M. Field attended the public schools, graduating from the Peoria high school in 1893, after which he went to work for the Peoria Water Company as a clerk, but three months later



accepted a stenographic position with the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad. On February 1, 1894, he entered the employ of the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railroad as check clerk in the freight house, from which position he worked up to chief clerk in the office. In 1899 that road was acquired by the Illinois Central Railroad, with which road he remained in Peoria until 1901, when he was transferred to the Chicago office and assigned to the tariff department of the freight division. After two years in Chicago, Mr. Field went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and for one year served as chief of the tariff bureau of the Wisconsin Central Railroad. He then returned to Peoria and organized a freight bureau, looking after the interests of various shippers in this city until 1918, when he accepted the position of manager of the traffic department of the Association of Commerce, which position he filled in a very capable manner for four years. In 1922, on the death of the secretary of the association, Mr. Field was appointed business manager, which position he is still filling. His is a responsible job, but he has handled it in a very satisfactory manner and has contributed in a great measure to the success of the association.

On October 4, 1899, in Omaha, Nebraska, Mr. Field was united in marriage to Miss Helen Marion Day, who was born in Neponset, Illinois, and is a daughter of Florence P. and Mary Adelle (Van Court) Day, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Field is a graduate of the Omaha high school, is a woman of gracious and charming manner, and is very popular in her social circles. Mr. and Mrs. Field are the parents of three children, namely: John Maynard, born on May 24, 1901, graduated from Yale University, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1923, and is engaged in the oil business in California; Helen Frances, born on August 8, 1904, graduated from The Principia School, in St. Louis, attended Bradley College, and is now a teacher in the Peoria public schools; and Mary Virginia, who was born on May 7, 1911, is a freshman in Beloit College.

In his political views Mr. Field is a republican and he and his wife are members of the Second Church of Christ, Scientist. He belongs to the Creve Coeur Club, the Peoria Country Club, the Rotary Club and the Transportation Club, all of Peoria; and the

Union League Club and the Traffic Club, of Chicago. During the World war he served on the Chicago western district committee of the railroad administration. His favorite form of recreation is golf. He is a man of cordial and unaffected manner, is closely devoted to the interests of his community, and is greatly esteemed by all who have come in contact with him.

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### STANLEY G. FOOTE

Stanley G. Foote is the owner of one of the best mortuary establishments in Fulton county and holds a leading place among the progressive and enterprising business men of Canton. He was born at Aledo, Illinois, on the 11th of March, 1905, a son of Ira Gilbert and Louisa Jane (Stanley) Foote, a grandson of David Foote and of English descent. His father was born in Fairfield, Iowa, October 19, 1852, and moved with his parents to Aledo, Illinois, when sixteen years of age. He was a steam engineer during practically all of his active life, but is now retired. He is a republican in his political views and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while fraternally he belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose and the Modern Woodmen of America. Louisa Jane (Stanley) Foote was born at Wrayville, Illinois, November 10, 1853. She is a republican in politics, belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church and is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, tracing her ancestry in this country to colonial days; the Woman's Relief Corps; the American Red Cross Society, of which she is a member of the executive committee, and the Royal Neighbors, of which she has been recorder for the past twenty years. Mrs. Foote is a very accomplished penman, to which art she has given much study. By a former marriage she is the mother of a daughter, Irma Faye Smith, who is now the wife of Floyd Balmer, of Rock Island, Illinois.

Stanley G. Foote was educated in the public schools of Aledo, graduating from high school in 1925. He was a member of the football and track teams, was for four years manager of the high school business, and established the "A", of which he was the editor and which is one of the best high school papers in the state.

After graduation, Mr. Foote went to Uniontown, Kentucky, where he was employed for a while as a newspaper reporter. He then entered the Worsham College of Embalming, at Chicago, from which he was graduated in June, 1927. During the following year he completed a course in demi-surgery, and was a teacher in the college during the last three months of the course. He entered the employ of the Muelhoefer Funeral Company, of Chicago, with which he remained for seven months, gaining valuable practical experience, and was also with the Western Undertaking Company. After visiting various funeral concerns, he came to Canton and bought the Fred E. Messler mortuary, which was established thirty-three years ago by Mr. Messler and is located in a good two-story building on North Main street. The building contains reception room, office, display room, chapel, operating room and private rooms, all of which are appropriately furnished. In all of its equipment Mr. Foote's establishment is modern, and he has the finest ambulance in this city. A physician always accompanies ambulance calls. Mr. Foote is thoughtful and considerate in attending to the needs and meeting the requirements of his patrons, and he carries a stock of caskets of wide variety, to suit any demand as to price or style.

Mr. Foote is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is a consistent supporter of those things which affect the moral and civic welfare of the community. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club, and in his political views is a republican. He is a lover of outdoor life and football and aviation are his hobbies. He has won a host of friends since coming to Canton and all who know him hold him in high regard for his sterling qualities.

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### ELMER G. CARVER

Elmer G. Carver, senior member of the firm of Carver & Orendorff, is one of Canton's most successful real estate and insurance men. Additional interest attaches to his career also from the fact that he is a member of one of Fulton county's oldest pioneer families. He was born in Buckheart township, this county, on the 4th of April, 1880, and is a son of Henry C. and Cornelia



Ione (Laws) Carver, who are represented in a separate sketch on other pages of this work. He attended the grade schools and graduated from the Canton high school in 1897. He was actively interested in school affairs and served one term as treasurer of his class. During his vacation periods he worked on the home farm and in the dry goods store of A. W. Dewey & Company in Canton, with which firm he continued after his graduation until 1902. He also took a general commercial course in a business college in Canton. In 1902 he located on the old home place, where he was engaged in farming and stock-raising until February 15, 1921, when he became manager of the Farmers' Elevator at St. David. He remained there until March 1, 1923, when he became interested in the dairy business in Peoria, there remaining until September 1st of the following year. He was a member of the firm of Leshner & Carver until January 1, 1925; was in the insurance business under his own name until June, 1928, when he became a member of the present firm of Carver & Orendorff, real estate and insurance. He has been successful in his affairs and is regarded as one of Canton's substantial and capable business men.

On June 9, 1901, Mr. Carver was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Charlotte Jones, who was born November 4, 1882, and is a daughter of James and Lucy (Standard) Jones. Her father was born February 2, 1847, and died in July, 1924, and her mother, who was born in March, 1846, died in 1921. Mrs. Carver was educated in the grade schools of Cuba, Illinois, belongs to the Art and Music Club of Canton, and is an active member of the Christian Church. Her father, who was first a farmer, was later employed in the P. & O. plow works in Canton. The Standards, who were pioneers of Fulton county, trace their ancestral line to the Mayflower. Mrs. Carver has three sisters, namely: Minnie, the wife of John Ashley, of Canton; Eve, the wife of George Dansworth, of Burlington, Iowa, and Myrtle, the wife of Ralph Scott, of Hamilton, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Carver are the parents of four children. Beatrice Winfred, who was born on June 27, 1902, and is a graduate of the Canton high school, was married October 18, 1922, to Elmer Daily, of Wyoming, Illinois, and they have a son, Frederick, born March 27, 1924. Maurice B.,

born August 18, 1905, was graduated from the Canton high school in 1922, and from Brown's Business College at Peoria, and is now connected with the Standard Oil Company at Williamsfield, this state. He married Miss Delores Brooks July 28, 1930. Lucile Ione, born December 22, 1907, is at home. Charlotte Marie, born December 18, 1918, is attending school. The Carvers own a home at 148 West Locust street, Canton, and Mr. Carver is also interested in various residence and business properties in the town.

Mr. Carver is a member of the Masonic lodge at Canton, and the Consistory and the Mystic Shrine at Peoria, Illinois. He is also a member of the Canton Kiwanis Club, of which he has been a director, and the Chamber of Commerce. His religious connection is with the Christian Church and he belongs to the Young Men's Christian Association. He is a man of wide interests, including sports and athletics, hunting and fishing, and is an inveterate reader of the best literature.

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#### CLARKE EDMUND CHAMBERLAIN, D. D. S.

Dr. Clarke Edmund Chamberlain who is in the front rank of the dental profession in Peoria, commands a large practice and is highly esteemed throughout the community. He was born at Aurora, Nebraska, on the 23d of April, 1895, and is a son of Thad and Clara Edna (Silloway) Chamberlain. His father was born in 1860 in Brimfield, Illinois, and is now a retired resident of Peoria, after a long career as a commercial salesman. The grandfather, Nathaniel Chamberlain, was a native of Pennsylvania, devoted his attention to farming throughout his active life and died in Wichita, Kansas. Clara Edna (Silloway) Chamberlain was born in Brimfield, Illinois, on April 4, 1860, and died in Peoria, Illinois, on August 25, 1929. She was a daughter of Inglesby and Ledia (Huey) Silloway, the former of whom was a contractor and builder. He was a veteran of the Civil war, gave his political support to the republican party and he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. They moved from Brimfield to Peoria, where their deaths occurred.

Clarke E. Chamberlain attended the public schools and graduated from the Peoria Manual Training high school and Bradley Polytechnic Institute. He then entered the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, in 1918. On May 1, 1917, he enlisted in the United States Medical Reserve Corps, but was on an inactive status until July, 1918, when he was ordered to the officers training camp at Camp Oglethorpe, Georgia. After some months in training there, he was transferred to the attending surgeon's office at Hoboken, New Jersey, the point of embarkation, where he was stationed until February 1, 1919, after which he was sent to Camp Merritt, New Jersey, there remaining until March 1st. From that place he proceeded with troops to Camp Grant, where he was honorably discharged, with the rank of first lieutenant in the Dental Corps. He at once came to Peoria and opened an office in the Central National Bank building, where he remained until 1920, at which time he moved to his present offices in the Jefferson building. He has nicely furnished and well equipped offices, has shown himself a master of operating technique and is uniformly courteous and careful in looking after the welfare of his patients.

On September 18, 1919, in Peoria, Dr. Chamberlain was united in marriage to Martha Jeannette Kasjens, who was born in Peoria and is a daughter of Jacob G. and Mary M. (Wilton) Kasjens. Her father is deceased and her mother still resides in this city. Mrs. Chamberlain graduated from the Peoria Manual high school and the Bradley Polytechnic Institute, after which she taught domestic science in the public schools prior to her marriage. During the World war she was employed in the adjutant-general's office in Washington, D. C. She is a member of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church and various women's organizations. Dr. and Mrs. Chamberlain are the parents of three children, namely: Clarke Wilton, born on July 14, 1920; Mary Jeannette, born on April 13, 1922, and Dorothy Ann, born on July 4, 1926.

Dr. Chamberlain belongs to Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; the University Club, the Peoria Country Club, the North Shore Country Club, the



Peoria Exchange Club, the Associated Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the board of governors of the Better Business Bureau of Peoria. He is a staunch republican in his political views and takes a good citizen's interest in matters affecting the welfare of the community. His religious connection is with St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church. He maintains professional affiliation with the Peoria County Dental Society, of which he is secretary, the Illinois State Dental Society and the American Dental Association, and is very highly respected by his professional brethren.

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### EL PASO PUBLIC LIBRARY

El Paso, Woodford county, has always been known for its progressive spirit, as is evidenced by the statement that it has had the advantage of public library service continuously since 1873, a period of nearly sixty years. The Ladies' Library was established that year with Mr. D. Stockwell as the first librarian. This institution continued to serve the community until the fire of July 19, 1894, soon after which effort was started for the establishment of a public library. Through the generosity of Andrew Carnegie, the amount of six thousand dollars was provided for the erection of a building, and the present library building was dedicated February 22, 1907. The city equipped and furnished the library and a two mill tax was approved by the citizens for its support. This tax provides about twelve hundred dollars a year, of which nine hundred dollars is disbursed for operating expenses, leaving about three hundred dollars a year for the purchase of books and magazines. The new library received very substantial assistance in the beginning from the Ladies' Library board, which donated one thousand dollars to it, besides which Mrs. Eunice Evans donated one thousand dollars to the book fund. About nine hundred volumes had been saved from the old library and these formed a substantial nucleus for the new institution. The present building, a brick structure, is well adapted to the purposes for which it is used. There are five thousand seven hundred thirty-four books on the shelves of the library, and there are

one thousand one hundred eighty-six borrowers, of whom ninety-five are non-resident; the circulation of books in 1928 was seventeen thousand seven hundred sixty-six, a gain over the previous year of one thousand two hundred seventeen. There are thirty-seven newspapers and periodicals taken. The library cooperates with the grade schools by keeping a full list of Reading Circle books, and also furnishes the high school pupils with all books required in book reports. The reading tables are freely used and the people of the community have shown a decided tendency to make practical use of the facilities afforded by the institution.

The present library board is as follows: Nell G. Patterson, president; H. M. Clark, vice president; Katharine E. Jenkins, secretary and librarian; J. F. Sturgeon, W. H. North, Max Smith, Mrs. C. E. McDaniel, Mrs. Teresa Fitzgerald and Miss Hortense Ferrell. Miss Carrie Williamson (now Mrs. J. S. Tucker) was the first librarian, serving until 1919, when she was succeeded by Miss Hortense Ferrell, who resigned in July, 1929, at which time Miss Katharine Jenkins was elected librarian, and is still serving in that capacity. Miss Ferrell remains as part-time assistant.

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### HARRY DALE MORGAN

Harry Dale Morgan is not only a leading member of the legal profession in Peoria, but in other lines is also prominent and active, so that he occupies a conspicuous and honored place in his community. He was born in Leavenworth, Kansas, on the 23d of January, 1885, a son of Albert Rufus and Mary Secelia (Gilbert) Morgan. The father was born on a farm in Iowa on September 15, 1857, and died in Peoria, Illinois, on October 9, 1920. During his active years he was engaged in the retail grocery business. He was a republican in politics and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife was born in Kansas on July 7, 1861, and is living in Peoria. She is a daughter of Stephen H. and Mary (Secelia) Gilbert, the former of whom was a native of Kent, England, and died in Emporia, Kansas. He had been active as a manufacturer, and was also interested in farming, but had retired from active business pursuits sometime prior

to his demise. He served as a justice of the peace in Leavenworth, Kansas. His wife was a native of England and also died in Leavenworth.

Harry Dale Morgan graduated from the Peoria high school in 1902 and from Bradley College in 1904. He then entered the University of Chicago, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1906. He was admitted to the bar of this state on October 6, 1909, and at once entered upon the practice of his profession in Peoria. For one year he was associated with the law firm of Pinkney & McRoberts, and then for the same length of time with Stevens, Miller & Elliott. In 1911 he and E. J. Galbraith formed the law firm of Morgan & Galbraith, which continued until 1913, when it was succeeded by the firm of McRoberts, Morgan & Zimmerman. Two years later the firm name was changed to McRoberts & Morgan, which continued until June 1, 1925, when the firm of Todd, Morgan, Pendarvis & Arber was formed and has continued to the present time. Mr. Morgan is closely devoted to his profession, in which he has shown himself a learned and capable attorney, and has appeared in many of the most important cases tried in the courts of this section of the state. He is attorney for the South Side Loan and Homestead Association of Peoria and the Board of School Inspectors of the city of Peoria, and is also serving as United States commissioner for the southern district of Illinois.

On July 9, 1911, in Peoria, Mr. Morgan was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Ellis, who was born in Elmwood, this state, and is a daughter of Samuel E. and Emma (Conard) Ellis. The mother is deceased, and the father, who is a retired commercial salesman, lives in Peoria. Mrs. Morgan is a graduate of the Peoria high school and Bradley College. She is a member of the boards of directors of the Young Women's Christian Association and of the Florence Crittenton Home. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are the parents of four children, namely: Robert Dale, born on May 27, 1912; Donald Albert, born on January 12, 1914; David William, born on September 18, 1917, and George Edward, born on October 5, 1923.

Mr. Morgan is a member of the Peoria County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar



Association. The republican party receives his support and he and his wife are members of the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Fraternally, he is a member of Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of which he is past potentate; and the Delta Chi and Phi Beta Kappa college fraternities. He belongs to the Creve Coeur Club, the University Club, the Mount Hawley Country Club, the Rotary Club, of which he is past president, the Illinois Valley Yacht Club and the Association of Commerce. He is also a director and vice president of the Young Men's Christian Association, in the work of which he is greatly interested. During the World war he served as chairman of the Four-Minute speakers and as a member of the legal advisory board. He has the reputation of doing well whatever he undertakes and is true and loyal in every relation of life, being regarded as one of Peoria's most useful citizens.

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### RALPH WILLIAM POE

Ralph W. Poe is the owner of the principal sheet metal works in Fulton county and his plant, located at 44 White court, Canton, is modern in its equipment, being thus prepared for any kind of work in its line. Mr. Poe is a native of Fulton county, born August 11, 1883. His parents, George Oliver and Alice V. (Middlekauff) Poe, were prominent and well known residents of this county. The father was born in Canton, January 28, 1855, and was a son of James R. Poe, who came from Hagerstown, Maryland, to Illinois in an early day, here following farming. George O. Poe was reared on his father's farm near Canton and after leaving school learned the trade of cigarmaking. He became the foreman and a stockholder of the Dean cigar factory, and held that position through the later years of his life. He was a republican in politics, and was numbered among Canton's leading citizens. His death occurred April 9, 1897. In January, 1883, he married Miss Alice V. Middlekauff, whose father, Simon P. Middlekauff, came to Illinois from Maryland in 1877. Mrs. Poe was

of a reserved disposition, greatly interested in her home and family, and a lover of flowers and nature. Her death occurred in October, 1920.

Ralph W. Poe was born on a farm but moved to Canton, where he completed his education. Immediately after leaving school he learned the sheet metal business in the shop of Reed & Sandberg, in Canton, for which concern he worked for about ten years. He then traveled for two years for the Courtright Sheet Metal Company in Texas and Oklahoma, and in 1911 opened a sheet metal business of his own in Canton, which he carried on for three years. He then accepted a position as supervisor with the Green Foundry and Furnace Company, remaining with that concern until the United States entered the World war, when he offered his services to the government and was sent to Dayton, Ohio, where he was assigned to the sheet metal department of airplane construction. After the close of the war he returned to Canton and on April 8, 1920, established his present business. He does a general sheet metal contracting business, as well as warm air heating installation, for both of which he is well equipped. He is conducting probably the largest business in his line in Fulton county and gives steady employment to a number of skilled workmen.

Mr. Poe was married, April 2, 1921, to Miss Vera L. Weed, a daughter of Charles Edward and Mary L. (Garnes) Weed. Her father, who is deceased, served for a number of years as justice of the peace in Canton. His widow still resides in this city. Mrs. Poe was educated in the public schools of Fulton county, votes the republican ticket, is a member of the Baptist Church and belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star, the White Shrine of Jerusalem, and the Rebekahs. Mr. and Mrs. Poe are the parents of a son, James Edward, born July 8, 1925.

Mr. Poe is a stanch supporter of the republican party, and is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has filled some of the chairs, the Knights of Pythias and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce and belongs to and gives hearty support to the Young Men's Christian Association. He is a past secretary of the State Association of Sheet Metal Workers, and also belongs to the State

Sheet Metal Contractors, in both of which organizations he takes an active part. Mr. Poe constructed the vault in which are housed the centennial records of Canton. His favorite sports are hunting and fishing, though he likes all forms of athletics, and he takes a helpful interest in everything of a civic nature relating to the welfare of the community.

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### CHARLES H. TAPPING

One of Peoria's leading building concerns is the C. H. Tapping Construction Company, of which Charles H. Tapping is the head and which has done a large amount of important contract work in this section of the valley. Mr. Tapping was born in Peoria on the 7th of July, 1892, and is a son of Arthur J. and Anna (Hawley) Tapping. The Tapping family is of English origin and was numbered among the pioneer settlers in this part of the country, the paternal grandparents establishing their home in Peoria, in which city the grandfather was for many years engaged in the crockery business. Arthur J. Tapping was born and reared in Peoria. At the age of eighteen years he entered the employ of the Churchill Drug Company, of this city, and remained identified with that concern for fifty-six years, filling various positions and was general manager for many years prior to his death, which occurred in October, 1918. Anna Hawley was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa, and was a daughter of Theodore Hawley, a prominent attorney of that city. Her family also had its origin in England, where the ancestral line is traced back to the reign of King Henry VII. Mr. and Mrs. Tapping were earnest members of the First Baptist Church, in which they took an active and leading part for many years. They became the parents of three children, one of whom died in infancy. Theodore H., born on August 13, 1889, is the general secretary of the Michigan Alumni Association of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. He married Miss Beatrice Hansey and they are the parents of a son, Theodore Hawley, Jr.

Charles H. Tapping, the youngest of his parents' children, attended the public schools of Peoria, graduating from high





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school in 1910, after which he entered the architectural department of the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated as an architectural engineer in 1915. Soon afterward he entered the employ of W. M. Allen Son & Company, general contractors, of Peoria, with which concern he remained until 1926, when he engaged in the contracting business on his own account, under the name of the C. H. Tapping Construction Company, with offices at 307-308 Jefferson building. This concern has erected a number of the finest homes and most substantial business and industrial buildings in this locality, including, among others, the Standard Oil Building, at the corner of Jefferson and Hamilton streets; the Peoria Casket Company's building; the East Peoria Community high school building; the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company's service station, at the corner of Main and Glen Oak streets, and other leading structures. He gives steady employment to an average of seventy-five men and is recognized as one of Peoria's leading business men.

Mr. Tapping was united in marriage to Miss Emma Lou Bliedorn, of Des Moines, Iowa, and they are the parents of five children, Charles H., Jr., Anna Jane, Elizabeth, Vincent and Kathleen. Mr. Tapping is a member of the Creve Coeur Club, the Association of Commerce, and all of the Masonic bodies. He possesses a splendid personality and has shown a proper interest in the general welfare and advancement of his community. He is personally very popular and is greatly esteemed throughout the range of his acquaintance.

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#### LAURENS ENOS, M. D.

One of the leading representatives of the homeopathic school of medicine in the Illinois River Valley is Dr. Laurens Enos, who has been engaged in the practice of his profession at Jerseyville for a number of years and commands a large practice. He was born on January 20, 1863, and is a son of Dr. Charles R. and Eliza A. (Thompson) Enos. His father was born in Madison, New York, in 1815. He received his medical education in the St. Louis Homeopathic Medical College and in 1882 came to Jerseyville



to engage in practice. He was the pioneer homeopathic physician of this section of the state and was deservedly successful. He was married in St. Louis, Missouri, to Miss Eliza A. Thompson, the ceremony being performed by Dr. J. M. Peck, the founder of Shurtleff College. Mrs. Enos passed away a few years prior to the death of her husband. They became parents of the following children: one who died in infancy; George, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Sarah Cordelia, who graduated from Elmira College in 1870, also graduated in medicine from the Hahnemann Medical College in 1891; she practiced in succession at Alton, Illinois, Jerseyville, Illinois, and Youngstown, Ohio, and in 1897 returned to Jerseyville, where she was accidentally burned to death; Charles W., who also became a homeopathic physician, practiced in Jerseyville until 1889, when he went to Denver, Colorado, where his death occurred; Ida V., who is the wife of Theodore Ellison and lives in Minnesota; Dr. W. H., of Alton; Dr. Laurens, of this review; Dr. Clinton, of Denver, and Grace, who died in 1928. Dr. C. R. Enos was a republican in his political views, was a member of the Baptist Church, and was opposed to the Masonic order, having spent several years of his young manhood in the section of New York state where the anti-Masonic movement was strong.

Laurens Enos received his elementary education in the public schools of Jerseyville and attended Shurtleff College. He then matriculated in Hahnemann Medical College, of Chicago from which he was graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1891. Later he took two post-graduate courses in New York city, and also a special course in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat in Chicago. He entered upon the practice of his profession in Alton, Illinois, but later was for fourteen years in Decatur, this state. He spent the following ten years in the southwest, chiefly in Oklahoma and Texas, and has since been located in Jerseyville. He has a well equipped office, keeps in touch with the latest advances in the healing art and has been uniformly successful in the practice.

Dr. Enos was united in marriage to Miss Mary Lewis Abbott, a daughter of Dr. L. A. Abbott, of Alton, this state, who was a prominent minister of the Baptist Church. Dr. and Mrs. Enos

became the parents of five children, namely: Harold, who now lives in Texas, was a member of the United States regular army and served in the Philippine Islands before the World war; he was sent to France, where he saw active service and was in Germany with the Army of Occupation; Eliza, who is the wife of Walter Horstman, graduated from Shurtleff College and did post-graduate work in Chicago University and Washington University, in St. Louis; Mr. Horstman is assistant to the superintendent of the Shell Oil Company, in Houston, Texas, where he is building a new plant; Margaretta, who graduated from Shurtleff College, did post-graduate work in Washington University, and is now with the Star Refining Company in Detroit, as secretary to the manager; Victoria, who graduated from Shurtleff College, did post-graduate work in the Young Women's Christian Association Training School in New York city and is now engaged in special work for that organization; Charlotte, who lives in Alton, this state.

In August, 1918, Dr. Enos became a member of the United States Medical Corps, in which he was commissioned a lieutenant, and was located at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and Camp Upton, Long Island. He is a member of the American Legion, and is affiliated with the Illinois State Homeopathic Association and the American Homeopathic Medical Association. A staunch republican in his political views, he has taken a keen interest in public affairs, though he has never aspired to public office. He possesses those solid and substantial qualities which mark the good citizen and has honored his profession by his life and labors.

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### L. ROY DANNER

L. Roy Danner, manager of the Farmers Elevator at Astoria, Illinois, was born in Astoria township, Fulton county, on December 19, 1886, and is a son of Jonas L. and Nellie L. (David) Danner. The family is probably of Dutch descent and the progenitor of the family in this country was Michael Danner, who came to the New World with William Penn in 1681 and by that colonist was given a grant of land in York county, Pennsylvania. That

tract is still in the name of Danner, having been bought and sold a number of times, but always among the members of the family. Henry L. Danner, grandfather of L. Roy Danner, was born and reared in York county, Pennsylvania, and in 1860 came to Illinois, settling in Fulton county, his coming here being in response to the urging of his cousin, John Danner, who came to Summum, this county, as a pioneer settler. Henry L. Danner spent the remainder of his life in Fulton county. He was a hard worker and a keen and sagacious business men. He married Miss Sarah Horner, whose family were also numbered among the pioneer settlers of Fulton county. Jonas L. Danner was born in Woodland township, Fulton county, on June 15, 1862, and was reared to the life of a farmer, which vocation he followed throughout his active life, becoming one of the most successful farmers and stockmen in Fulton county. In 1906 he relinquished the active work of the farm and moved into Astoria, where he afterwards resided, though still exercising a general supervision over the farms. He was a democrat in his political views, but never sought public office, though ever interested in those things which affected the prosperity and welfare of his fellowmen. He served as road commissioner and member of the school board for several years. He was a member of Astoria Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of which he was a past master, and of Astoria Lodge, K. P. He was a stable, dependable man, doing well whatever he undertook, and was thrifty in his methods, so that he became the owner of valuable farm lands in Illinois, Nebraska and South Dakota. He was honest and trustworthy, sincere and genuine in all of life's relations, and his friends were in number as were his acquaintances. He died on March 17, 1928, and is buried in Astoria cemetery. Mr. Danner married Nellie L. David, a daughter of Jesse and Polly Ann (Beghtol) David, who also were pioneer settlers of Fulton county. Mrs. Danner is a member of the United Brethren Church and is greatly devoted to its interests, being an earnest and effective Sunday school worker. A devoted mother, her home and family always held first place in her interest and attention. She is still living in Astoria.

Of the children born to Jonas and Nellie Danner, Ralph Lewis was born on June 29, 1890, and for a number of years was the



manager of a grain elevator at Littleton, Illinois. He married Miss Clela B. Haffner, of Astoria, and to them was born a son, Ralph Lewis, on May 31, 1918. Hazel Danner, born on February 11, 1889, at Astoria, was educated in the public schools of Fulton county and lived at home until March 19, 1910, when she became the wife of Dr. John P. Long, who was numbered among Astoria's successful physicians for many years, and whose death occurred on October 17, 1927. They became the parents of a daughter, Julia Margaret. Dr. Long is referred to at length on other pages of this work.

L. Roy Danner received a public school education, graduating from the Astoria high school in 1905, after which he was a student in the University of Illinois. He farmed for two years in Illinois and three years in Nebraska, after which he became manager of an elevator for Bader & Company at Table Grove, Illinois, which position he held for ten years. In 1925 he came to his present position as manager of the Farmers Elevator at Astoria. He is a democrat in his political views and is deeply interested in political economy and other subjects affecting the general welfare. He is a member of the Community Club and cooperates with his fellowmen in promoting the best interests of Astoria and Fulton county. Mr. Danner was married to Miss Anna P. Bishop, of Channing, Texas, on December 26, 1912. Mrs. Danner received a good education, being a graduate of the College of Industrial Arts at Denton, Texas, and is a member of the Sorosis Club of Astoria. She supports the democratic party and is active in civic and community affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Danner are the parents of a daughter, Anna Lee, born on November 5, 1913, and now in the Astoria high school.

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### M. R. MORAN

Wonderful strides have been made in recent years in the art of portrait photography. In Canton is located one of the oldest, as well as one of the leading, photographers in the Illinois River Valley,—M. R. Moran, who is widely known as an expert in his special field of effort, having won many prizes and medals in

recognition of the superlative quality of his work. Mr. Moran was born in Lewistown, Fulton county, Illinois, on the 22d of February, 1861, and is a son of William H. and Susan Ann (Evans) Moran, the latter born in New York in 1833, a daughter of Samuel Evans, of England. The paternal grandfather was Richard L. Moran, who was of French extraction and an early settler of Maryland. His son, William H. Moran, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and in early life moved to Mississippi, where he learned the blacksmith trade. Later he moved to Lewistown, Illinois, where he followed his trade for many years. In 1862 he came to Canton and established a blacksmith shop, which he conducted until he moved to his farm in Buckheart township, where his death occurred in 1878. To him and his wife were born three children: William H., of Banner township; Mary L., the wife of Milo G. Rader, now residing in California, and M. R. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Moran became the wife of Robert Sebree. She was a member of the Congregational Church, and her death occurred in 1918. William H. Moran was a stanch republican in his political views and his religious connection was with the Swedenborgian Church.

M. R. Moran received his education in the public schools of Fulton county and spent his early life on his father's farm in Buckheart township. Later he took up the study of photography under C. W. Mangrum, with whom he later was in partnership for about two years. In 1886 he established a business of his own, which he conducted until selling out in 1892, and during the two following years he was away from Canton. Returning in 1894, he reentered the photographic profession, in which he has continued uninterruptedly to the present time. During all these years he has kept full pace with every advance in his art, both as to mechanical equipment and studio methods, and is known all over the state as a master thereof. He gives thoughtful direction to every portrait subject and some of his productions have commanded much attention and praise. In 1914 Mr. Moran won the sweepstake prize for the state of Illinois, the gold medal in 1912, the silver medal in 1909 and second place in 1913. His studio is located at 116 South Main street and is equipped with the most modern and improved cameras. He does all kinds of photographic

work, though specializing in portraiture, and is highly skilled in tinting and coloring photographs. The people of Canton and Fulton county have long appreciated his skill and for many years he has commanded the largest business in his line in the town.

On February 24, 1885, in Canton, Mr. Moran was united in marriage to Miss Susan B. Trites, a daughter of George G. and Louisa (Davis) Trites, who came from Philadelphia to Fulton county in 1848, the father engaging in farming near Farmington. They were members of the Swedenborgian Church. The Trites family originated in Germany, where the name was spelled "Trytze." Four brothers came to America with the German-Swedish colony that settled at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, previous to the coming of William Penn. Mrs. Moran's ancestors were pioneer settlers of Delaware county, Pennsylvania. During the greater part of her life Mrs. Moran took an active part in the civic and social affairs of the community, but in recent years ill health has prevented her participating in such work.

Mr. Moran has been identified with the republican party from the time of attaining his majority and has always maintained a deep interest in public affairs. He has long been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Canton, and also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. During his entire life he has greatly enjoyed hunting and fishing and is a lover of dogs. He lives at 545 South Main street and also owns other valuable property in this city. He has a host of warm and loyal friends throughout the community, who honor him for his sterling citizenship, as well as for his high professional attainments.

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### FREDERICK V. ARBER

Frederick V. Arber, of the well known law firm of Todd, Morgan, Pendarvis & Arber, is one of Peoria's best known attorneys and during his ten years of practice here has gained not only a large clientele, but also the respect and confidence of all who know him. He was born in Brimfield, Peoria county, Illinois, on the 28th of August, 1894, the son of Frederick and Carrie (Needham) Arber. In the paternal line, he is of Swiss antecedents,



his grandparents, Samuel and Anna Maria (Riser) Arber, having been born in Switzerland, whence they came to the United States in 1852 and located in Peoria where their deaths occurred. Samuel Arber, who was educated for the Lutheran Ministry, died at the age of twenty-eight years. Their son Frederick was born in Peoria on September 28, 1853, and is now living in Brimfield, where he has been engaged in the hardware business for forty-eight years. He is a democrat in his political alignment and served as postmaster during the Wilson administration, and has also served as a member of the Peoria County Board of Review. He attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Keokuk, Iowa, and completed his course in medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago, but never practiced his profession. Carrie (Needham) Arber was born in Brimfield on December 18, 1866, and is the daughter of Patrick and Elizabeth (Moran) Needham. Her father was born in County Mayo, Ireland, and died in Brimfield. He was a blacksmith by trade and served as Captain of Company I, 108th Illinois Regiment, during the Civil war. He was an adherent of the Roman Catholic Church, while his wife, who was a native of Baltimore, Maryland, was a member of the Congregational Church. Her death occurred in Brimfield.

Frederick V. Arber graduated from the Brimfield high school in 1912, after which he attended Knox College, at Galesburg, and in 1916 graduated from the University of Illinois with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He entered the law school of George Washington University, at Washington, D. C., from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1918. In that same year he was admitted to the bar, and on June 6th he enlisted as a second class seaman in the United States Navy. He was honorably discharged from active service on June 16, 1919, with the rank of ensign in the United States Naval Reserve Force, after which he became a field representative for the United States Internal Revenue Bureau, working out of Chicago. On January 12, 1920, Mr. Arber came to Peoria and entered upon the practice of law, in which he was associated with the firm of McCabe & Birkett until the following September. He then became connected with the firm of McRoberts & Morgan, in the Central National Bank

building, with whom he was associated until June 1, 1925, when he became the junior member of the firm of Todd, Morgan, Pendarvis & Arber, one of the strongest and most successful law firms of this city.

On June 23, 1923, in Wyoming, Illinois, Mr. Arber was united in marriage with Alice Elizabeth Brown, a daughter of James B. and Minnie (Kerns) Brown. Her father was a native of Stark county, Illinois, and died in Wyoming in 1926, where he had resided after retiring from farming, while her mother, who also was born in Stark county, still resides in Wyoming. Mrs. Arber graduated from the Wyoming high school, after which she attended Pomona College, Claremont, California, one year and Knox College, at Galesburg, one year. She graduated from Northwestern University, at Evanston, Illinois, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, after which she took post-graduate work at the University of Illinois. She taught French in high school prior to her marriage, and she is past president of the College Women's Club of Peoria.

The democratic party receives Mr. Arber's support, and he is one of Peoria's public-spirited citizens. He is a member of the Association of Commerce, American Business Club, and the University Club, of which he is president, and, fraternally, is a member of the Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Phi college fraternities, while, professionally, he is a member of the Peoria County Bar Association, which Association he has served as secretary.

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### CARL FREDERICK SOLDWEDEL

Carl F. Soldwedel, numbered among the younger and capable business men of Pekin, and a member of the well known dairy firm of F. H. Soldwedel & Sons, was born in Pekin on the 19th of February, 1898, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Soldwedel. He was reared here and attended the grade and high schools, graduating in 1917, after which he attended the University of Illinois for two years. While at high school he took a leading part in athletics, playing on the football and basketball teams and was an officer of his class. At the university he was

a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity. Upon leaving college he returned to Pekin and took over the management of the Soldwedel ice cream factory, and is now a member of the firm in which he is associated with his father.

On June 26, 1923, Mr. Soldwedel was united in marriage to Miss Isabel Senn, a daughter of John and Alice Senn, of Macomb, Illinois. Mrs. Soldwedel was born October 30, 1903, at Macomb and in the public and high schools there she received her early education, later graduating from the Western Illinois State Teachers College at Macomb and Macomb Academy. She is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a popular member of the social circles of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Soldwedel are the parents of two children, Jack Senn, born April 12, 1925, and Martha Ann, born June 14, 1927. The family home is on North Eighth street, Pekin.

Politically Mr. Soldwedel is a democrat and is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the American Legion, and the Pekin Country Club. During the World war he was a member of the Students Army Training Corps. He plays golf and is interested in all outdoor sports. He cooperates in local civic affairs, is a careful reader and a close observer and is a well informed man, while his sterling qualities and genial spirit have won for him a warm place in the hearts of those who know him.

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#### MISS DORA F. SOLDWEDEL

Miss Dora F. Soldwedel, who, after many years of activity and usefulness, is now retired, is one of the most highly esteemed residents of Pekin, Tazewell county. She was born in Hamburg, Germany, on the 28th of September, 1862, a daughter of Timm and Sophia (Clausen) Soldwedel, and a sister of Fred H. Soldwedel, who are represented elsewhere in this work. When but a child she was brought to the United States by her parents, who settled in Manito, Mason county, Illinois, and there she grew to womanhood, received her education and became her father's assistant in the dairy business. She remained with her parents until their



deaths, when she came to Pekin and started a dressmaking establishment, which she conducted, with marked success, until she retired from active pursuits.

Miss Soldwedel is an earnest member of the Lutheran Church and is superintendent of the beginners' department of the Sunday school. She belongs to the various church societies and is a member of the Garden Club. Miss Soldwedel is a great lover of horses and in her younger years was an accomplished equestrienne and gave many riding exhibitions at the county fairs through this section of the country. Advancing years have in no measure dampened her love for and interest in the things which make for the good of society. She is very fond of young people, among whom she is popular and admired. She loves the great out of doors and is interested in athletic sports and swimming. Her well kept flower gardens give evidence of her real fondness for the beautiful and the esthetic. She owns the comfortable and attractive home in which she lives at 504 South Eighth street, Pekin. She is a studious reader, particularly of educational subjects, and is a well informed woman on a wide range of topics. A democrat in her political views, she is interested in public and civic affairs. She is active physically, enjoys life and is deservedly popular throughout the community in which she lives.

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### F. H. SOLDWEDEL & SONS

The largest and oldest dairy products concern in Pekin is that of F. H. Soldwedel & Sons, which firm owns and operates two plants. The enterprise was established in 1917 by Fred H. Soldwedel, Henry Neustheimer and Paul T. Soldwedel and is the outgrowth of the dairy business established by Timm Soldwedel in 1865. The dairy plant is equipped with modern, electrically driven machinery and is located in a substantial and well arranged brick building, twenty-five by seventy-five feet, owned by the company. This plant is utilized for the pasteurization of milk, which is bought from the farmers of this vicinity, and for the making of cheese. Ten people are employed and a wholesale and retail

business is conducted, requiring four wagons and one truck for delivery to the stores and homes of this city. The plant is under state supervision and no detail is neglected in the way of cleanliness and sanitation. The dairy plant is located at 9 North Fifth street, Pekin, and at 9 South Third street is located the Soldwedel ice cream and butter factory, in which eleven people are employed and which is also equipped with the best machinery, electrically driven, and has an output capacity of a thousand gallons of ice cream and fifteen hundred pounds of butter a day. The plant is located in a commodious brick building, produces more ice cream than any other plant in Pekin, and is owned by Fred H. Soldwedel, Carl F. Soldwedel and Fred R. Soldwedel. This is one of Pekin's old and substantial business concerns and stands in the front rank of the profitable industries of this locality.

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#### EMMETT A. GARRETT, M. D.

Dr. Emmett A. Garrett, who has been engaged in the practice of medicine in Peoria for over a quarter of a century, holds a place in the front rank of his profession, in the practice of which he has been more than ordinarily successful. He was born near Sparland, Marshall county, Illinois, and is a son of James O. and Charity (Newingham) Garrett. The grandparents, Amsa and Sarah (Orr) Garrett, were farming folk in Marshall county, where their deaths occurred. Their son, who was born in Marshall county, this state, and died in Peoria, was a United States gauger. He was an active supporter of the democratic party and at one time was a member of the state legislature. Charity (Newingham) Garrett was born in Missouri and is now residing in Peoria.

Emmett A. Garrett attended the public schools, graduating from high school at Sparland, this state, after which he spent two years in Knox College, at Galesburg. He then matriculated in the medical department of the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1902. He at once came to Peoria and has devoted his attention closely to his life work. He is a constant student of his profes-

sion, keeping in close touch with the latest advances in the healing art, and commands both the respect of his colleagues and the confidence of the public.

On September 23, 1914, in Peoria, Dr. Garrett was united in marriage to Miss Olga White, a native of Peoria county and a daughter of the late Louis White. She was graduated from the Peoria high school and attended Bradley Polytechnic Institute. Dr. and Mrs. Garrett are the parents of a son, James O., born on March 29, 1923.

Dr. Garrett is a republican in politics and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has received the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite; the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Creve Coeur Club and the Mount Hawley Country Club. He maintains professional affiliations with the Peoria County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He served two terms as commissioner of health of the city of Peoria. He offered his services to the government during the World war and was commissioned a captain in the Medical Corps. He was first stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, but was later transferred to Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, and while there was promoted to major. He spent one year with the army overseas, where he was promoted to lieutenant-colonel, with which rank he was honorably discharged from the service at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He is a man of earnest purpose, sterling character and high professional ideals and has long been regarded as one of his city's most valuable citizens.

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#### GEORGE L. DRENNAN, M. D.

Dr. George L. Drennan, successfully engaged in the practice of medicine at Jacksonville, was born in Sangamon county, Illinois, December 10, 1898. For one hundred and thirteen years members of the family have lived within the borders of Illinois, the first to locate here being the Doctor's great-grandfather, William Drennan, who arrived in March, 1818. He was one of the first three settlers of Sangamon county and was one of three com-



missioners appointed by the first governor to select the site and name of the county seat for Sangamon county, Springfield. His son, James Anderson Drennan, was the father of Ira Drennan, who married Alpharetta Allen, and they were the parents of Dr. George L. Drennan. Ira Drennan was a native of Sangamon county and passed away in July, 1930.

An apt pupil, Dr. Drennan was graduated from high school in 1917, and after receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Illinois College in 1921, enrolled as a medical student in Washington University, which he attended for four years, winning his M. D. degree in 1925. He made practical use of his theoretical knowledge while serving as an interne in Barnes Hospital at St. Louis, Missouri, which he left in 1926 to open an office in Jacksonville, Illinois, and here he has since been located. He maintains an office in the Ayers Bank building and a large and steadily growing practice is indicative of the confidence reposed in his ability and skill.

On the 3rd of September, 1927, Dr. Drennan was married to Miss Marjorie V. Black, a daughter of Dr. C. E. Black and a graduate of Illinois College, where she specialized in the study of music and history, receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1923 and those of Master of Arts and Bachelor of Music in 1926. The Doctor is a blue lodge Mason but has few interests outside of his profession and is steadily progressing therein by reason of his studious nature, his close application and his well developed powers.

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#### WILLIAM F. SHEPHARD

Among the leading and influential citizens of Jerseyville is numbered William F. Shephard, who has been active in the business and financial affairs of his city for some years, but is now practically retired. He was born in Jerseyville, on the 16th of April, 1886, a son of Henry A. and Matilda (Revere) Shephard. His paternal grandfather, William Shephard, was a native of Yorkshire, England, and on coming to the United States located first at Trenton, New Jersey. While there he constructed the



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Raritan canal. In 1838 he came to Illinois and in the early days of railroad building in this part of the country he had the grading contract for the Louisiana branch of what is now the Chicago & Alton Railroad. He was successful in that line of business and made it his chief occupation until he organized the William Shephard & Son Bank at Jerseyville. This later became the Bowman & Ware Bank, and still later the State Bank of Jerseyville, which is still in existence. Mr. Shephard also helped to build the Fort Houston & Great Northern Railroad of Texas. He was a democrat in politics and served as state senator from his district in 1868-70. His death occurred August 12, 1875. Henry A. Shephard was born at Jerseyville and was associated with his father in the banking business until the latter's death, after which he and his brother, John A., carried on the business. He was a strong supporter of the democratic party and was active and influential in public affairs. He served for eight years as mayor of Jerseyville and was a member of the state legislature from 1908 to 1922. His death occurred June 11, 1926. Matilda Revere was born at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and in the paternal line was of French Canadian descent. Her death occurred February 10, 1902.

William F. Shephard, who is the only child born to his parents, attended the public schools of Jerseyville, graduating from high school in 1904. He then attended Washington University, St. Louis, for two years, studying mechanical engineering, and on his return to Jerseyville he entered his father's bank as assistant cashier. In 1912 he engaged in the automobile garage business, building up one of the largest agencies in this part of the state. In 1919 he sold out and became president of the National Bank of Jerseyville, in which capacity he served until 1925, when he resigned, and has since devoted his attention to the management of his private interests.

On June 20, 1918, Mr. Shephard was united in marriage to Miss Helen E. Laurant, of Jerseyville, a daughter of Ludovic and Emma (Wagner) Laurant. Her father was a prominent citizen of this locality and served for many years as clerk of the circuit court of Jersey county. Mr. and Mrs. Shephard are the parents of three children, Helen Louise, born July 27, 1919, Mary

Matilda, born March 14, 1921, and Elizabeth Ann, born March 18, 1926. Mr. Shephard has always supported the democratic party and served as mayor of Jerseyville from 1917 to 1927, under the commission form of government. During that period the new waterworks were built, water being piped from springs six miles away, at a cost of two hundred thousand dollars. During the war period he took a very active part in the various drives and other war measures, doing much effective committee work. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and has served twice as exalted ruler of his lodge. His religious membership is in the the Roman Catholic Church. His grandfather was the builder of St. Francis Church, the first Catholic church at Jerseyville, organized in 1857. In every possible way he has endeavored to promote the progress and prosperity of his community and, because of his earnest life, his successful efforts and his estimable personal qualities, he is very highly respected by the people of his home town.

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### MICHAEL H. SCHILLING

One of the leading industries of Peoria is the pipe and plumbers' supply works of Michael H. Schilling, located at 3025 South Adams street. Mr. Schilling is a native of Peoria, born on the 6th of July, 1862, and is a son of Michael and Mary (Steniger) Schilling, who were natives of Germany and died in Peoria. The father was a shoemaker by trade, was a democrat in his political belief and a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Michael H. Schilling received his educational training in the public schools of Peoria, after which he learned the trade of steamfitting, under Klingle Brothers, with whom he remained for four years. He was then employed for a few years at Grape Sugar House, at the foot of Fayette street, as a steamfitter, after which he was again with Klingle Brothers for one year. Thereafter he was identified with the plumbing supply business of the Kinsey & Mahler Company for seven years, on the expiration of which period he accepted the position of foreman in the plumbing supply establishment of the Nailon Brothers Company, continu-

ing in that capacity for fourteen years. He then went into the steamfitting business for himself at his present address and met with encouraging success in the venture. About eight years ago he embarked in the wholesale and jobbing business and began the manufacture of nipples and steamfitters' specialties. He is the sole owner of the business and the prosperity which is now his has been gained through persistent and rightly directed efforts.

In June, 1890, in Peoria, Mr. Schilling was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Shanahan, a native of England and a daughter of John and Mary (Donahue) Shanahan, both of whom are deceased. They were natives of Ireland, and Mr. Shanahan was for a long time an employe in the rolling mill at Joliet, Illinois. Mrs. Schilling was educated in the public schools of Joliet, and belongs to the various women's organizations of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, of which she and her husband are communicants. Mr. Schilling is a democrat in politics and at one time was a trustee of the village of South Peoria. He has membership in the Knights of Pythias and in the Peoria Association of Commerce, and is well and favorably known in the business and social circles of this city.

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### T. HENRY DEAN

A representative and successful young business man of Rushville and Schuyler county is T. Henry Dean, general manager of Prince & Company, Inc., conducting an ice and dairy business of which he is one of the stockholders. He was born in Schuyler county, Illinois, October 20, 1892, his parents being Joseph M. and Bethena (Knight) Dean, also natives of Schuyler county, the former born March 4, 1856, and the latter in Woodstock township, July 4, 1865. The first member of the Dean family to settle in Illinois was John Dean, the paternal grandfather of T. Henry Dean. Joseph M. Dean, the father of T. H. Dean, devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active career with well merited success. He resides in Rushville, Illinois, and is now living retired save for the supervision of his



farming properties. He has always been an active worker in the local ranks of his community affairs and has rendered valuable service to his fellow townsmen in the capacities of school director and road commissioner. Thoroughness and efficiency have characterized him in all of his work, and though a man of quiet and reserved disposition, he has gained a large circle of warm friends who recognize his genuine personal worth and respect him for his sound judgment and for his broad general knowledge. His wife, Mrs. Bethena (Knight) Dean, was orphaned when a small child and was reared by relatives. She is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and has ever been a devoted and loving wife and mother. Her family numbered five children, as follows: T. Henry, of this review; Roscoe, deceased; Anna, who is Mrs. Curtis Goldsboro of Schuyler county; Ernest, who died young; and Alva, a resident of Fort Collins, Colorado.

T. Henry Dean pursued his education in the grade schools of Schuyler county and also attended the Gem City Business College of Quincy, from which he was graduated in 1915. He was then employed by the Graff Grain Company of Rushville, Illinois, for a year and on the expiration of that period went to Mason City, Iowa, as timekeeper and cost accountant for Jacob E. Decker & Sons, packers, whom he thus served for three years. In 1919 he entered the sales department of Morris & Company, Chicago packers, and after a year's training there was placed in charge of sales at the Omaha branch of the company, remaining in the Nebraska city for three years. He next spent a year in Denver, Colorado, and then in 1923 returned to Rushville, Illinois, and organized the Dean Produce Company, which he conducted until becoming interested in the business of Prince & Company, Inc., owners of an ice and ice cream factory in Rushville. In the capacity of general manager Mr. Dean is contributing in substantial measure to the continued expansion and success of the business, for he is a young man of excellent executive ability and keen sagacity.

On the 9th of June, 1915, Mr. Dean was united in marriage to Elizabeth Edith Rein, who was born May 19, 1896, a daughter of Frederick and Ursena Rein, and comes of Swiss ancestry. She is a graduate of the grade and high schools of La Salle, Illinois,

and also pursued a course of study in the Gem City Business College. Prior to her marriage she was employed as secretary to a judge at Quincy, Illinois. She is an active supporter of the republican party and manifests a helpful interest in civic as well as social affairs of her community. She has membership in the Woman's Federated Club and in the Household Club and is a past worthy matron of the local chapter of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Dean is fond of reading and athletic sports.

Mr. Dean is a stanch republican and has taken an active part in political and civic affairs of his community, serving on various committees and as a delegate to numerous conventions. He is a member of the Community Club and a charter member and past secretary of the 22 Club. Fond of instructive literature, he has become well informed on a wide variety of topics. He is a member of the Scripps Golf Club and also turns for recreation to fishing, athletics and other forms of outdoor life. A worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, he belongs to Rushville Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A. M.; Rushville Chapter, No. 184, R. A. M.; and Rushville Commandery, No. 56, K. T. He has served as secretary of each of the above named Masonic bodies for four years and is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. and Mrs. Dean own their home in Rushville, where the circle of their friends is almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances.

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### JOHN D. BRECKENRIDGE

As lawyer, jurist and citizen, John D. Breckenridge, of Lewistown, has proven the peer of any of his fellows and is today one of Fulton county's most influential and respected men. He was born in Waterford township, this county, April 12, 1859, a son of John W. and Adaline (Preyir) Breckenridge. The father was a native of Canada, whence he came to Illinois in the early days. Settling in Waterford township, he engaged in farming, which he followed to the time of his retirement, in 1900. He was a democrat in his political views and took a keen and intelligent interest in local public affairs, as is evidenced by the fact that he

served for twenty-one years as supervisor of his township and was a factor in the inauguration and completion of many of the important improvements of this county. He was very progressive in his ideas and methods, and was generous and kindly, always ready to give aid to deserving people. During the Civil war he gave the highest proof of his patriotic loyalty by enlisting as a member of Company B, Eighty-fifth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served under General Grant until promoted, after which he was with General Sherman's forces. He later belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic and was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died in December, 1911, and is buried at Lewistown. His wife, who died in 1913 and is also buried at Lewistown, was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Preyir, who were numbered among the pioneer settlers of Fulton county. Daniel Preyir was a native of Holland and spent his early life as a sailor on the high seas. Mrs. Breckenridge's brother, George D. Preyir, was a soldier in the Civil war and was killed in action at Peach Tree Creek, being buried on that battlefield.

John D. Breckenridge received his educational training in the common schools of his native township. He gave his entire time to his father, working on the home farm until fifteen years of age, after which he divided his time between farm work and learning the carpenter trade with an uncle. He continued that program until he had attained his majority, when he established a general store at Sepo, Illinois, which he conducted during 1880-81, and was similarly engaged at Bybee, Illinois, from 1882 to 1884. He also served as postmaster at both places. In 1884 Mr. Breckenridge took a position as clerk in a retail grocery store in Lewistown, with which he was connected for four years. He then became a traveling salesman for the wholesale grocery firm of Jobst, Bethard & Company, of Peoria, Illinois, with which he was connected from 1888 to December 1, 1892, when he resigned and entered upon his duties as clerk of the circuit court of Fulton county, to which office he had been chosen at the previous election. While occupying that position he, without previous academic or collegiate training, took up the study of law, which he carried on at home, also taking a three-year law course with the Sprague



Correspondence School of Law of Detroit. He was admitted to practice in the Illinois state courts June 14, 1895, and in the federal courts at Peoria, in April, 1897. On December 1, 1896, Mr. Breckenridge entered upon the practice of law, also engaging in the real estate and insurance business. He thus continued until December 1, 1906, on which date he ascended the bench of the county court of Fulton county, to which he had been elected in November. He served one term as county judge and then resumed the private practice of law, to which he closely devoted his attention until 1922, when he was again elected county judge, in which capacity he served until 1926. Since retiring from the bench Mr. Breckenridge has been engaged in the general practice of his profession at Lewistown, specializing in probate and chancery law. He has a large and important clientele and is widely known as an able, successful and dependable lawyer.

On March 20, 1879, in Lewistown, Judge Breckenridge was united in marriage to Miss Ella A. Bradley, who was born December 2, 1859, and is a daughter of John W. and Elizabeth Bradley. John W. Bradley was one of the early settlers of Fulton county, arriving in 1864, and during his active years he practiced veterinary surgery, and was also a bridge contractor. Mrs. Breckenridge has for many years been a member of the Christian Church in Lewistown and one of its active workers. Next to the demands of her home and family comes her great interest in those who need her in their hours of sickness and trouble, one of her greatest pleasures being the rendering of service to others. She is a lover of flowers and always has a most attractive garden during the summertime. To Mr. and Mrs. Breckenridge have been born ten children, as follows: John F., born December 14, 1879, now lives in Galesburg, this state; Robert Ross, born March 17, 1881, and now of Chicago, Illinois; Mary, born March 3, 1883, the wife of Charles Bosworth, of Detroit, Michigan; George William, born March 26, 1885, and living in Galesburg, Illinois; Frances E., born October 25, 1890, the wife of W. C. Bradley, of Lewistown; Grace D., born November 29, 1888, the wife of Ralph Hall, of Joliet, Illinois; Elizabeth A., born September 15, 1895, the wife of Allen Dailey, of Joliet; Paul P., born December 5, 1899, living in Lewistown; Mildred M., born March 26, 1898, the

wife of Levi Jackson, of Lewistown; and Jessie E., born February 14, 1903, the wife of Leo Heffren, of Lewistown.

Judge Breckenridge is a democrat and has for many years taken a leading part in the political affairs of his county, state and nation, being in great demand as a speaker during party campaigns. For twelve years after coming to Lewistown he served as city police magistrate. He has long been a member of the Christian Church and has been a Sunday school officer and teacher for many years. He has devoted much time and attention to the civic affairs of his town and county, and is now secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Lewistown. During the World war he served as a member of the draft exemption board and gave the major portion of his time to the cause of his country, both in that capacity and as a worker for the Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives. He has served as a member of the school board and has shown a keen interest in the Boy Scouts. A lover of outdoor life, he likes baseball and fishing. He has traveled much, visiting many parts of this country and Canada. He is a close student and is regarded as one of the best informed men in Fulton county. Essentially a self-made man, his success has been founded on his capacity for work, his determination to secure an education and the high ideals to which he has consistently adhered. He is thorough in everything he undertakes, as was evidenced at an early age, when he was one out of the eighteen in a class of one hundred and nineteen who successfully passed the bar examination. Fraternally he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons at Lewistown, and he belongs to the Fulton County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

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#### THEODORE C. HAYS, M. D.

No citizen of Canton, Fulton county, stands higher in public esteem than does Dr. Theodore C. Hays, who has been successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery here for about thirty years. He was born in Clark county, Missouri, on the 12th of February, 1865, a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hays, the

former a farmer. He attended the public schools and the normal school in Clark county, after which he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1889. He was elected to a professorship in his alma mater soon after his graduation and served in that capacity from 1891 to 1899. He then turned his attention to the active practice of medicine, locating in Athens, Missouri, where he remained about two years. In 1902 he came to Canton, where he has practiced medicine and surgery continuously to the present time. In both medicine and surgery he has shown himself skilled and dependable and during the years of his residence here has enjoyed a large practice in this city and vicinity and has commanded the respect of his professional colleagues and the confidence of the public. He has kept in close touch with the latest advances in the healing art by attending post-graduate courses from time to time, and he is licensed to practice in the states of Iowa, Missouri, California and Illinois.

On August 1, 1888, Dr. Hays was united in marriage to Miss Florence A. Beucler, who was born in Iowa, December 11, 1868. She is an active member of the Baptist Church and its various organizations; has served for years as county superintendent of the primary departments of the Sunday schools, and takes an active interest in the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Dr. and Mrs. Hays have three children, as follows: Leila A., born December 29, 1889, is the wife of L. F. Walter, of Canton, Illinois; Lois V., born April 20, 1904, is a teacher in the grade schools of Champaign, Illinois; and Verne.

Dr. Hays has long been active in local public affairs, but is inclined to maintain an independent attitude as to political parties. He served for five years as president of the Canton school board and has served several terms as health physician of Canton. He belongs to the Fulton County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, the Tri-State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and the Modern Woodmen of America. He belongs to the Country



Club at Canton and is a golf player, as well as a hunter and fisherman, enjoying all outdoor sports. He was formerly a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Chamber of Commerce. In addition to medical literature, all good books have an attraction for him and he reads much, being a well informed man and a splendid conversationalist. He is active in all civic affairs affecting the welfare and advancement of his community and is distinctly progressive in his ideas and opinions.

Dr. Hays is a veteran of the World war. He enlisted August 12, 1918, was commissioned a captain in the United States Medical Corps and was sent to Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, for training. Three weeks later he was sent to Camp Meade, Maryland, where he was assigned to the Medical Development Battalion and remained there until the close of the war and during the influenza epidemic which raged in that camp. He was honorably discharged November 28, 1918. He started out in life handicapped by a lack of financial means, but did not permit that fact to thwart his plans, and he worked his way entirely through his college course. He has held to high ideals professionally, and as a man and citizen, and throughout this county one hears nothing but words of praise for the Doctor.

Dr. Verne Hays was born in Lee county, Iowa, December 11, 1891, and received his early education in the public schools of Canton, graduating from high school in 1909. In the fall of that year he entered Iowa State University, which he attended three years, after which he matriculated in the medical school of St. Louis University, winning the M. D. degree in 1916. While in that institution he was a member of the Phi Chi fraternity. In February, 1917, a medical staff was being made up in Chicago for the British Army and Dr. Hays enlisted for service in what was designated as the Twelfth Base Hospital. However, before that organization got into the service, the United States became involved in the war and Dr. Hays enlisted in the American Army, being commissioned a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps. He was sent to Allentown, Pennsylvania, as commanding officer of the Fifty-fourth Ambulance Company, and during the four months of his stay there served as officer instructor. He was then sent to Camp Logan, Texas, where he was assigned to the

One Hundred and Thirty-first Infantry Regiment, and sailed for France in May, 1917, on the Leviathan. He disembarked at Brest and was assigned to the Ninety-ninth British Field Ambulance Hospital, near Eu, France. From there he was returned to the One Hundred and Thirty-first Infantry, and went into active service attached to the Forty-second Battalion. He saw service in the Argonne and Chipilly Ridge, and at the latter place was gassed and sent to a hospital. He ran away from the hospital and rejoined his division, only to be wounded by shrapnel, because of which he was again hospitalized. He was so badly injured that he could not return to the active field service and, after being treated in several hospitals in France, was sent home on the day before the signing of the Armistice. He was confined to hospitals in this country for several months and was honorably discharged from the service in March, 1919. He is still disabled to some extent from his wounds. Upon returning to Canton he resumed his practice in partnership with his father. He became one of the organizers of the American Legion post at Canton and was its first commander.

On January 24, 1920, Dr. Verne Hays was united in marriage to Miss Lila R. O'Brien, who was born in 1891, a daughter of H. E. and Ellen O'Brien, of Canton, near which city her father was engaged in farming. Mrs. Hays graduated from the Canton high school in 1910, and later from Brown's Business College, at Galesburg. During the World war she was active in coal fields report work. She is a republican in her political views and is an interested and active member of the Christian Church. Dr. and Mrs. Hays are the parents of two sons, William Dean, born December 22, 1924, and Theodore C., born May 1, 1929.

Dr. Verne Hays has always supported the republican party, in the councils of which he is prominent, being a member of the county central committee. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Free and Accepted Masons, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Canton Country Club and the Forty and Eight Club, and along professional lines to the Fulton County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and is a member of the medical staff of

Graham Hospital. He is partial to outdoor life, plays golf and is an ardent fisherman, while athletics, particularly football, holds a deep interest for him. He is gifted with a splendid singing voice and was a member of the glee club while in Iowa State University. Because of his high attainments and his skill as a physician and surgeon he is greatly esteemed throughout the community.

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### B. C. MOORE

Eureka, Illinois, is fortunate in having at the head of its educational affairs a man of the character and attainments of B. C. Moore, whose work here has been of a quality which has gained for him a high place in educational circles. Mr. Moore was born in Pike county, Illinois, on the 25th of June, 1870. He received the advantage of a good education, completing the grade and high school courses, after which he entered the State Normal School at Normal, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Education, later also receiving the degree of Master of Arts from the University of Illinois. He taught three terms in rural schools, after which he was during a period of twelve years superintendent of schools successively at Mackinaw, LeRoy, Lewistown and Lexington, all in this state. In 1906 he was elected county superintendent of McLean county, in which capacity he served for sixteen years and eight months. He has been superintendent of the Eureka schools for the past nine years. For the past seven years he has been a member of the faculty of the summer school of the State Normal University at Normal.

On June 25, 1896, Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle N. Search, of Mackinaw, Illinois. She was born January 30, 1878, and is a graduate of the Mackinaw high school and attended the State Normal University at Normal, after which she taught school for one year. She is a member of the Christian Church and belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star, of which she is a past worthy matron, and the Women's Club. She is talented in music and is a close reader of current books and magazines. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are the parents of three sons, as fol-



lows: Wayne, born March 18, 1898, is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and is an instructor of engineering in the Rhode Island National Guard; Byron, born January 18, 1900, is a graduate of the Illinois State Normal University, at Bloomington, and is superintendent of the East Peoria community high school; and Donald C., born October 7, 1910, is a student in the engineering school of the University of Illinois.

In his political views Mr. Moore is a republican and takes an active interest in such political matters as relate to education and schools. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America, is a charter member and past president of the Kiwanis Club of Eureka, and is a lover of athletic sports. He belongs to the National Education Association; has been a member of the Illinois State Teachers Association for thirty-five years; is a member and a past president of the Illinois School Masters Club, and is president of the Peoria division of the Illinois State Teachers Association. During the World war Mr. Moore served four months in France in Young Men's Christian Association work and in the Educational Corps of the Army. He is an active and effective civic worker and is known throughout this state as a capable and successful educator.

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### G. ROSS ALLEN

G. Ross Allen, of Canton, is recognized as a commercial artist of high standing and is destined to great success in his chosen profession, for which he possesses unusually high qualifications. He was born in Canton, October 11, 1902, and received his early education in the public schools of this city, graduating from high school in 1920. He had a natural taste and talent for art and while still in school was employed after school hours and during vacations as a card writer and window trimmer. Having decided to devote his attention to art, he entered the Academy of Fine Arts at Chicago, where in the course of time he was graduated in commercial art. In 1924 he established his present busi-

ness, which has enjoyed a healthy growth so that he is now employing three assistants. He produces window signs, backgrounds, posters, signs, etc., and does illustrating and oil painting. In 1928 he took a post-graduate course in his particular art lines and the work he has produced at his Canton studio received high words of commendation. His patronage is by no means confined to Canton, for he gets many orders from outside points.

While in high school Mr. Allen was a member of the Garrick Club, and served as its art director and business manager. At the Academy of Fine Arts he belonged to the Delta Gamma Tau fraternity. He is now a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, the Illinois Hunters and Fishers Association and the Canton Kiwanis Club. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Canton Young Men's Christian Association, and has served as scout master of the Boy Scouts, showing a keen interest in boys' welfare work. His political support is given to the republican party and he readily supports all matters pertaining to the welfare and advancement of his home community. He is a lover of all forms of outdoor sports, particularly of horseback riding. He is a leader among young men and gives his support to all worthy civic movements. His profession commands his chief interest and attention, however, and he is rapidly gaining an enviable reputation in art circles. He has painted art panels for nationally advertised articles, including "Lucky Strike" cigarettes and various hosiery advertisements. Possessing a pleasing personality, throughout this community where he has spent his life he is very highly regarded by all.

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#### ARTHUR KIRBY BALDWIN, M. D.

Dr. Arthur K. Baldwin, who commands a large general practice in medicine and surgery at Carrollton, is one of Greene county's leading physicians and representative citizens. Born on a farm near Galesburg, Illinois, he is a son of Charles L. and Nellie (Kirby) Baldwin. The paternal grandfather, Newton Baldwin, was a native of New Jersey and an early pioneer of Warren



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county, Illinois. He was descended from a long line of American ancestors, the family having been established in this country in early colonial days when five Baldwin brothers came across the Atlantic from England. Newton Baldwin was a homesteader in Warren county and became a leading livestock raiser and buyer, traveling over the countryside on horseback and buying the farmers' horses and cattle, which he shipped to market. He died at the age of fifty-four years. Charles L. Baldwin was born on the old homestead and has devoted practically his entire active life to farming, and now lives on a farm near Aledo, Illinois. He is a democrat in his political views and is active in local public affairs. To him and his wife were born eight children, seven of whom are living.

Arthur K. Baldwin who is the oldest of the family attended the common schools of his home neighborhood and the high school at Monmouth, graduating from the latter in 1908. After spending three years in Williams and Vashti College, he matriculated in the medical department of the University of Iowa, where he attended two years, and completed his course at Rush Medical College, Chicago, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He served two years as interne in the Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, and in 1917 enlisted for service in the World war. He was commissioned a first lieutenant in the United States Medical Corps and, after serving seven months at Camp Jackson, was sent with the American Expeditionary Forces to Siberia, where he remained over a year. He returned to the United States by way of San Francisco, where he was honorably discharged May 10, 1920. He entered upon the practice of his profession at Elmwood, Illinois, but in the fall of 1924 located at Carrollton, where he has practiced since. He is an able, skilled and conscientious physician and has been uniformly successful.

On June 30, 1922, Dr. Baldwin was united in marriage to Miss Louise Murphy, of Oak Park, Illinois, a daughter of Charles and Emma (Waldorff) Murphy, both of whom are deceased. Of the three children born to these parents, Mrs. Baldwin is the oldest. Dr. and Mrs. Baldwin are the parents of three children. Charles Lewis, born September 24, 1923; James Joseph, born

September 26, 1925, and Arthur K., Jr., born April 2, 1927. The Doctor is a democrat in politics and has shown a helpful interest in matters of public importance. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons and the Carrollton Chamber of Commerce. He maintains professional affiliation with the Greene County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He possesses a splendid personality and since coming to Carrollton has made many warm friends, who esteem him for his genuine worth.

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### JOHN W. GADDIS

The name of John W. Gaddis is inseparably associated with the history of the Fairview State Banking Company, with which he has been associated throughout the period of its existence, and the policy which he has followed as its president is one that makes for stability, progress and expansion. He was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, December 5, 1859, and is of Irish lineage.

His father, Dr. John V. D. Gaddis, a native of New York, was born in 1816 and studied medicine. About 1838 he came to Fulton county, Illinois, settling in Fairview, where he practiced for several years, and also engaged in the packing of pork. In 1855 he removed to Jacksonville and there followed his profession until failing health compelled his retirement. He passed away December 1, 1863, at the age of forty-seven years and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Fairview. His political support was given to the democratic party and he was a zealous member of the Dutch Reformed Church. He had a wide acquaintance in Fulton county and possessed those qualities which inspire esteem and friendship. He married Julia Wilson, a native of New Jersey and a daughter of the Rev. A. D. Wilson, who was one of the founders and the first pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church at Fairview, the first church of that denomination established west of the Alleghany mountains. Mrs. Gaddis departed this life in January, 1892, and her remains were interred in the cemetery at Fairview.

John W. Gaddis, her youngest son, acquired his public school



education in Jacksonville and after attending Illinois College he took an academic course at Freehold, New Jersey, and a commercial course in the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York. Returning to Illinois in 1881, he embarked in merchandising at Fairview under the style of Gaddis & Wilson and in 1883 became sole owner of the enterprise. Later he was joined by Harry C. Hill in the firm of Gaddis & Hill, dealers in groceries, hardware and notions. Mr. Gaddis has continued in the business with gratifying success and has long been regarded as a leader of mercantile activity here.

As a banker he has also established an enviable reputation and for forty-six years has been a dominant figure in financial circles of Fulton county. In 1885, in association with Messrs. T. H. Travers, L. W. Davis and P. B. Voorhees, he organized the Fairview Banking Company, a private banking concern, which began business in July of that year. It was founded principally to accommodate the different lines of business in Fairview when the first railroad was built into the town. Under the capable management of Mr. Gaddis the undertaking prospered and it remained a private enterprise until 1915, when it became a state bank. The name was then changed to Fairview State Banking Company of Fairview, which was started with a capital of \$50,000 and a surplus of \$50,000. The home of the institution is a substantial brick building which was erected in 1896 and is thoroughly modern in its equipment. For many years the bank has been a vital force in the development of this district and the steady growth of its business is the best evidence of satisfactory service rendered to its patrons. The statement of December 31, 1930, showed a capital stock of \$50,000, a surplus fund of \$50,000, undivided profits of \$16,049, reserve accounts approximating \$9,224, demand deposits of \$193,712, time deposits of \$385,970, unpaid dividends of \$1,116 and total resources of \$706,073. The rate of interest on savings deposits is four per cent. The bank is governed by the following officers: John W. Gaddis, president; P. B. Voorhees, vice president; and Oscar L. Wilson, cashier. Their associates on the board of directors are Harry C. Hill, William B. Polhemus, W. L. Crouch and J. A. Swigert. In the control of the institution Mr. Gaddis has been guided by mature judgment

and keen insight into business affairs and situations and has so directed his efforts as to inspire and win the confidence and support of the public. Under his wise guidance the organization has grown and prospered until it compares with any of the banking institutions in Fulton county.

On the 19th of March, 1889, Mr. Gaddis was married to Miss Sarah Louise Chapman Ledebøer, who was born in Holland, Michigan, March 25, 1862, and is a daughter of Dr. L. Ledebøer. Three children were born to them: Lillian, who is Mrs. Marvin Wright, of Cleburne, Texas; Giles, who died in infancy; and John W., Jr. of Long Beach, California.

The parents vote with the democratic party and Mr. Gaddis has held office in the Dutch Reformed Church of Fairview, while his wife is a Christian Scientist in religious belief. He has served as worshipful master of Fairview Lodge, No. 350, A. F. & A. M., is a Shriner with membership in Mohammed Temple at Peoria, and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. While he has traveled throughout the United States he prefers Fairview as a place of residence and never loses an opportunity to exploit the resources, advantages and attractions of his town. He is a financier of high standing and his knowledge of financial matters is respected by the officers of banks throughout Illinois.

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### WILLIAM CLIFFORD JACKSON

William C. Jackson, of Canton, the capable and efficient superintendent of the ice plants of the Central Illinois Public Service Company at Canton and Macomb, was born on Scugog island, Ontario, Canada, on the 28th of December, 1896, and is a son of David Marshall and Clara (Brimacombe) Jackson. The Jackson family is of English origin, the ancestral home having been in Yorkshire. David Marshall Jackson was born February 4, 1871, and now resides in Whitby, Ontario, where he is engaged in cement contracting, which business he has followed throughout his active life. Clara Brimacombe was born in Hope township, Durham county, Ontario, Canada, August 21, 1873, and is of old English stock, her paternal ancestors having arrived from Eng-

land in an early day and became pioneers in their section of Canada, taking an active part in the forming of the county of Hope. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are members of the Canadian Methodist Church and are active participants in the civic affairs of their community.

William C. Jackson attended the public schools, graduating from the Port Perry high school in 1915. He then entered the University of Toronto, where he pursued the course in electrical engineering, from which he was graduated in 1923. He worked his way through college by doing cement contracting, and during that period lived at the university residence. After his graduation he worked for about a year for an electrical firm in Toronto, after which he went to Springfield, Illinois, where he accepted a position with the Central Illinois Public Service Company. Later he was transferred to Canton as chief engineer of the plant in this city, which position he held until 1925, when he was appointed to his present position as superintendent of the ice plant at Canton and in 1929 of the plant in Macomb, between which places he divides his time.

On October 7, 1924, Mr. Jackson was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Gertrude Munro, who was born March 18, 1896, a daughter of James and Margaret (Ferguson) Munro, of Sonya, Canada. Mrs. Jackson received a good education, having attended the Faculty of Education at Toronto, which is a part of the University of Toronto. She is a woman of distinctive personal charm and wide community interests. She is a member of the P. E. O. Sisterhood and is a member and adviser of the Westminster Guild. She is fond of the best literature and her favorite outdoor sports are horseback riding and motoring. The family home is at 268 North A avenue, Canton. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are the parents of two children, David Munro, born September 5, 1925, and Margaret Gertrude, born May 21, 1929.

Mr. Jackson is a staunch republican in his political belief and takes an active interest in local public affairs, though not as an aspirant to office. He is a member of the Masons, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, the Young Men's Christian Association, and the Kiwanis Club, of which he is secretary. His religious membership is in the Presbyterian Church, in which he is a



teacher in the Sunday school, president of the Men's Club and leader of the church orchestra. He likes athletic sports, greatly enjoys hunting and fishing and is a radio fan. A veteran of the World war, for which he enlisted in March, 1916, in the Canadian Army, he served with the famous "Princess Pat" regiment in France and was also with the Second Machine Gun Battalion. He saw much active service on the western front and sustained minor injuries. He was honorably discharged in March, 1919, with the rank of sergeant. Mr. Jackson is a public-spirited and loyal citizen of his adopted country and is recognized as a distinct asset to the community in which he lives.

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### JOEL ERNEST GAIN

Joel E. Gain, a member of the well known firm of Gain Brothers, florists, at Rushville, is a successful young business man, having been identified with his present line of work for the past four years as owner and a number of years previously as assistant to his father, a florist at Astoria, Illinois. He was born at the latter place October 4, 1906, and is a son of William A. and Corda (Onion) Gain. He graduated from the Astoria high school in 1924 and was a member of the basketball, football and track teams and was the president of the senior class. For one year he was a student in the University of Illinois, during which he majored in floriculture. While there he became a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. On leaving the University in 1926 he joined his father, whom he assisted in the greenhouse and nursery business until 1927, when he and his brother Leslie W. established their present greenhouse at Rushville. Through their close attention to business and wise management, they have built up a large patronage and are now numbered among the leading firms in their line in this locality.

On January 2, 1929, Mr. Gain was married to Miss Sarah Ruth McCumber, of Lewistown, Illinois, a daughter of William C. and Ella (Saunders) McCumber, of a pioneer family of Fulton county. Her father was born March 19, 1873, and her mother August 29, 1876. They are both republicans and are members of

the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. McCumber is an inspector at the Electric mine at Cuba, Illinois, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias. They have three children: Donald, who was born December 24, 1898, and served in the United States Navy during the World war, and now resides in Muskogee, Oklahoma; on December 24, 1920, married Miss Blanche Beadles; Mrs. Sarah Ruth Gain, born September 10, 1908; and William, born May 11, 1911, and now at home. Mrs. Gain graduated from the Lewistown high school in 1925 and later from a business college in Pasadena, California. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, supports the republican party and belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Gain is an ardent republican, but does not take an active part in public affairs. He belongs to the United Brethren Church, and fraternally is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he holds the office of junior deacon; the Knights of Pythias, in which he is an officer; and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is fond of athletics and is a lover of outdoor life, hunting and fishing being his favorite forms of recreation. He is progressive in his business methods, has worked hard for success and is very highly esteemed in the business circles of Rushville.

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### AMBROSE D. RAKER

Ambrose D. Raker, who is the owner of the largest mercantile concern in Liverpool, belongs to one of Fulton county's oldest and best known families, members of which have long been active and prominent in the affairs of the community. The progenitors of the family in Fulton county were the great-grandparents, Nelson and Martha (Mullen) Raker, who came to this valley from Iowa and were numbered among the pioneer settlers of Liverpool. Both reached an advanced age, Nelson Raker living to be one hundred and one years and his wife ninety-nine years. Among their children was James S. Raker, who was born January 18, 1848, and died January 15, 1913, and whose wife, Charlotte Leonard Raker, was born April 4, 1851. Their son James Dudley, father of Ambrose D., was born April 11, 1876, and is numbered

among the extensive and prosperous farmers of the Illinois River Valley, owning a large acreage of valuable and productive land. He has farmed all his life and is one of his community's progressive and enterprising citizens. In his political views he is a democrat and has been actively interested in local public affairs, having served as a school trustee for five years, as a school director for fifteen years and as a road commissioner for nine years. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Loyal Order of Moose, is a lover of athletics and is fond of hunting and fishing. His wife, Mary Frances Pollitt Raker, was born in Liverpool, Illinois, June 2, 1877, and is a daughter of James T. and Orilla (Beckstead) Pollitt, who were pioneer farmers at Liverpool, and both of whom are deceased. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Royal Neighbors. James D. and Mary F. (Pollitt) Raker became the parents of seven children, as follows: Ambrose Dudley; Harriett, born February 3, 1899, who became the wife of Thomas Davis, but is deceased; Georgia, who was the twin sister of Harriett and died when eleven days old; Robert James, born October 5, 1902; Raymond Richard, born June 25, 1907; Vera Alma, born June 30, 1910; and Alta Lavada, born September 14, 1913.

Ambrose D. Raker was born at Liverpool, August 25, 1896, and received his education in the grade schools of Liverpool, after which he assisted his father on the home farm until 1918, when he enlisted for service in the World war. He was sent to Camp Forrest, Georgia, September 5, 1918, remaining there until December 25, 1918, when he went to Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Michigan, where he was discharged December 28, 1918, as a member of the Twelfth Casual Company of Engineers. He returned home, where he remained for a while, and then became a clerk in a store. Later he was employed as engineer at the pumping station which was used in draining Van Dyke lake, in the Illinois river drainage district. He also served as an electrician, and later was engaged in the fishing business until August 4, 1925, when he engaged in the general mercantile business at Liverpool. In this enterprise he has met with distinct success and has built up the largest business concern in the town.



On September 13, 1919, Mr. Raker was united in marriage to Miss Hazel Ellen Whitehead, a daughter of Truman and Stella Whitehead, of whom mention is made on other pages of this work. She was born in Liverpool, November 19, 1900, attended the Liverpool grade school and spent two years in the Canton high school. Prior to her marriage she assisted her father in the latter's general store in Liverpool. She belongs to the Royal Neighbors, is tactful and gracious in manner and is extremely popular in social circles of her community. Mr. and Mrs. Raker have a son, Jean Dudley, born August 12, 1929, in Liverpool.

Mr. Raker is a democrat in his political views and is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Loyal Order of Moose, the American Legion and the Tri-State Association. He is also the treasurer of the Illinois Hunters and Fishers' Association, and is the postmaster at Liverpool. He is a lover of athletics and is fond of hunting and fishing. He is a gentleman of high civic ideals, has always been a strong booster for Liverpool and stands for those things which contribute to the general welfare of the community.

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### PAUL TIMM SOLDWEDEL

Paul T. Soldwedel, manager of the Soldwedel & Sons Dairy Company, is one of Pekin's energetic and progressive business men and is meeting with well merited success. Born in Pekin on the 10th of July, 1896, he is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Soldwedel, a sketch of whom appears on other pages of this work. Paul T. Soldwedel received his educational training in the grade schools of Tazewell county, after which he worked on his father's farm and in the dairy. He has been closely connected with the latter and is now the active manager, in which capacity he has shown splendid executive ability, the business under his supervision having enjoyed a very satisfactory record of growth and expansion.

On October 14, 1920, Mr. Soldwedel was united in marriage to Miss Thelma E. Nixon, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Nixon, of Pekin. Mrs. Soldwedel was born March 1, 1901, and was edu-

cated in the grade and high schools of this city. She is a member of the Congregational Church and belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Woman's Club. She is a lover of good literature, possesses a strong social nature and is extremely popular in the various circles in which she moves. Mr. and Mrs. Soldwedel became the parents of three children: Paul Timm, Jr., who was born March 10, 1923, and died November 20, 1923; Donald Norman, born August 21, 1924; and Dorothy Helen, born March 11, 1926.

Mr. Soldwedel gives his political support to the democratic party and takes an active interest in public affairs, being at this time a member of the Pekin park board. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Order of the Eastern Star, the American Legion, the Cosmopolitan Club and the Association of Commerce. He is a veteran of the World war, having enlisted in the navy as a radio man June 2, 1918. He spent five months at the Great Lakes naval training station, and was later transferred to the naval station at Hampton Roads, Virginia, where he remained until receiving his honorable discharge, February 1, 1919. He is an active worker in the civic affairs of his home city and is regarded as one of its leading young business men. He is a lover of all outdoor sports and formerly played on various basket-ball, baseball and football teams in Pekin. He is fond of young people and the supervised play for children at the parks is under his supervision. A man of strong character, forceful personality and pleasing manner, he is very highly regarded throughout the wide range of his acquaintance and has a host of warm and loyal friends.

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#### JOHN P. LONG, M. D.

Dr. John P. Long, late of Astoria, whose death occurred on October 17, 1927, was for twenty years numbered among the learned, skillful and successful physicians of Fulton county. His passing was greatly regretted, for he was not only a leader in his profession, but was also a broad minded, public-spirited and pa-

triotic citizen, whose life was devoted to those things really worth while in the community. He was born on May 30, 1876, in Schuyler county, Illinois, and was a son of Abraham and Catherine (Weishaar) Long. He was of English and French descent, his maternal grandfather having been a member of Napoleon's guard. Abraham Long and his wife came to Schuyler county, Illinois, from Pennsylvania. He was a veteran of the Civil war, in which he served in the Eighty-fifth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and also had four brothers in that conflict. To Abraham and Catherine Long were born nine children, as follows: John P.; William, deceased; Mrs. Nell Long Bader, deceased; Mrs. Ralph Shawver, of Astoria, Illinois; A. E., of Bader, Illinois; Mrs. Julia Snare, of Colorado; Mrs. J. T. Holmes, of Lewistown, Illinois; Charles, deceased, and Josephine, deceased.

John P. Long received his early education in the grade and high schools of Schuyler county, and then entered the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He entered upon the practice of his profession at Astoria and from that time until his demise was closely devoted to his life work, in which he won a high reputation. His practice was interrupted when, on September 3, 1918, he enlisted for service in the World war. He was commissioned a first lieutenant of the Medical Corps and was assigned to service in the embarkation and debarkation hospitals. He was honorably discharged on June 21, 1919. Dr. Long enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war also, but did not serve as it was over before he was called. After the World war he was commissioned a captain in the United States Reserve Corps.

Dr. Long was a democrat in his political views and was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the American Legion at Astoria. He had many warm and loyal friends throughout Fulton county and was exceedingly popular in every circle to which he belonged.

Mrs. Long, whose maiden name was Hazel Danner and to whom Dr. Long was married on March 19, 1910, is a member of the United Brethren Church, in the work of which she takes an active interest. She belongs to the Pythian Sisters and the American Legion Auxiliary. She and her brother, L. Roy Dan-



ner, are the owners of valuable farm land in Fulton county and are both greatly interested in agricultural matters. She is a democrat in her political views and takes a commendable interest in local public affairs. She is the mother of a daughter, Julia Margaret Long, who was born on March 11, 1915, and is now in the Astoria high school.

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### GEORGE F. COGSHALL

George F. Cogshall is one of Canton's best known citizens and in the performance of his duties as an inspector in the state department of registration and education has earned a high reputation throughout Illinois. He was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on the 21st of December, 1880, and is a son of George Edwin and Kittie (Bole) Cogshall. The family is of English origin and the name was originally spelled "Coggeshall." The progenitor of the family in this country was Richard Cogshall, who came over on the Mayflower and made settlement in the Massachusetts colony, which he served later as lieutenant governor. His son, also named Richard, was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army. George F. Cogshall's paternal grandfather was the Rev. Isaac Cogshall, a pioneer minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Michigan. He was a chaplain in the Union Army and during the service contracted an illness, which later caused his death. His son, George E. Cogshall, was born in Michigan, December 14, 1858, and became a lumberman and furniture manufacturer. Actively interested in politics he was for several years in the office of the state tax commissioner at Lansing, Michigan, and is now employed as a tax expert by the Guarantee Bond and Mortgage Company of Grand Rapids. He served that city as a member of the board of review. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Sons of Veterans. In his political alignment he is an ardent republican.

On December 14, 1879, George E. Cogshall was married to Miss Kittie Bole, who was born December 14, 1860. She is a mem-

ber of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans. She is a reader of current events and good literature, loves company and is devoted to her home. To Mr. and Mrs. Cogshall were born two children, George F. and Daisy C. The latter was born November 6, 1886, and was graduated from the Grand Rapids high school in 1904, and from the general commercial department of the Grand Rapids Business College. She was first regularly employed in a clerical capacity for the Vandalia Railroad, and now holds the position of chief clerk in the probate court of Grand Rapids. She reads widely, is much interested in sociology and has addressed many clubs on that subject, being an excellent public speaker.

George F. Cogshall attended the grade and high schools of Grand Rapids and was associated with various newspapers and as a traveling salesman for several concerns until 1911, when he removed to Canton, Illinois. He became circulation manager and director of advertising for the Canton Daily Ledger, with which paper he was connected until March, 1926, when he was appointed to his present position in the state department of registration and education. He is painstaking and conscientious in the performance of duty and is filling this position in a very able and efficient manner, his field covering the entire state.

On June 29, 1922, Mr. Cogshall was united in marriage to Miss Martha Jane Hite, who was born at Macomb, Illinois, October 10, 1890, and is a daughter of Colonel E. and Henrietta (Stewart) Hite. Her father was born March 31, 1868, at Millersburg, Ohio, and has been engaged in the insurance business during his entire active life. He is a republican in politics and is an officer in the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Macomb. His father was Colonel George Hite, of Millersburg, Ohio, who served in the Union Army during the Civil war. After the death of his first wife, Colonel E. Hite married, in 1902, Miss Elizabeth Henderson, a native of Ohio, to which union were born two children, Eileen and George. By his first marriage Colonel Hite became the father of five children: Weldon Stewart, who was born February 24, 1884, and died July 19, 1927; Garnet, born March 2, 1888, now the wife of Theodore Schelish, of Dubuque, Iowa; Martha Jane, wife of George F. Cogshall; Mary Elizabeth, born June 21,

1892, the wife of Ray Wingate, of Avon, Illinois; and Florence Emeline, the wife of Cleo Asquith, of Avon, Illinois.

Mr. Cogshall has always supported the republican party and has been an active worker in its ranks. On August 14, 1922, he was made business manager of the famous P & O Band of Canton, and is still serving in that capacity. He is a member of the Travelers Protective Association, of which he is serving his third term as president; the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. His religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal Church and he supports those things which contribute to the best interests of the community. He is a lover of outdoor life and athletic sports, has traveled extensively, is a reader of the best literature, as well as current publications, and is a well informed man.

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#### ALONZO RUSSELL JARMAN, M. D.

Dr. Alonzo R. Jarman, a worthy representative of the medical profession at White Hall, Greene county, has been engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery here for several years and has been very successful. He was born at Fremont, Wayne county, North Carolina, on the 11th day of March, 1894, and is a son of Alonzo Hardy and Blanche (Thompson) Jarman, the latter now residing at Burlington, North Carolina. The father, who is deceased, was fairly successful in his business affairs and gave all of his children good educations. He was a democrat in politics, a Christian in his religious faith and a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the Knights of Pythias. Members of both sides of the family were merchants and cotton planters, while in the maternal line there were a number of physicians. To Alonzo and Blanche Jarman were born five children, namely: Letta, the wife of Jennings N. Bryan, of Burlington, North Carolina; Sophia, the wife of J. G. Mayo, of Fremont, North Carolina; Hardy and Bernard, both of whom died at the age of seventeen years, while attending college; and Alonzo R.

The last named attended the public schools of Fremont, graduating from high school, and took a leading part in athletics, par-





DR. ALONZO R. JARMAN



ticularly baseball and basket-ball. He pursued his preparatory medical studies in Baltimore, at the University of Maryland, during 1911-15, and then entered the University of Illinois, from which institution he received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts and Doctor of Medicine in 1922. During the World war period he was a member of the Students Army Training Corps. He did some teaching in Chicago while attending college. He served as interne in the Washington Park Hospital, Chicago, and then came to White Hall, where he has been engaged in practice since. He is a constant student of his profession and each year takes post-graduate work in surgery at the University of Illinois. He is chief of the surgical staff at the White Hall Hospital, and is regarded as one of the ablest and most dependable surgeons in this section of the valley.

Dr. Jarman was united in marriage to Miss Louise Wallace, of Newport, Arkansas. She received her education in the public and high schools of Oklahoma city, Oklahoma, and then took the course in nursing at the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee. Dr. and Mrs. Jarman have two sons, Alonzo Russell, Jr., and James Bernard. The Doctor is a member of the Greene County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He commands the respect of his professional colleagues and the confidence of the public and is one of his community's most useful men.

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### OSCAR J. SOMMER

One of the most active and successful farmers of Tazewell county, is Oscar J. Sommer, whose well cultivated land is located two miles east of Pekin. He has gained his success through hard and continuous work and is accounted one of his community's most substantial and influential citizens. Mr. Sommer was born on his father's farm in Elm Grove township, Tazewell county, January 8, 1886, a son of John S. and Emelia (Unzicker) Sommer, both of whom are living, at the age of eighty-one and seventy-five years, respectively. The paternal grandfather, John Sommer, was a native of France, whence he came to Illinois in the pioneer



days of this section of the country. His son John S. was born in Tazewell county, October 12, 1849, and devoted many years to farming and stock-raising, in which he met with prosperity, enabling him to now live retired from active business. He is a republican in his political affiliation and is a member of the Mennonite Church, in which he has held official position for many years. His wife, who is of German parentage, was born in Morton township, Tazewell county, May 10, 1855. She too has been an active member of the Mennonite Church all her life.

Oscar J. Sommer completed the course of the Elm Grove township public schools and spent one year in high school. He also took a commercial course in business college and each year he attends the agricultural school of the University of Illinois, thus keeping in touch with the advances in scientific farming. While carrying on general farming operations, he specializes as an experimental grain farmer, in which his success has gained for him a wide reputation. It was he who practically developed the now well known Illred variety of wheat and in other ways his original ideas and enterprising methods have been greatly to the advantage of agriculture. Distinctly progressive, he maintains his farm at the highest standard of excellence, utilizing the most improved machinery and keeping his farm buildings in the best shape. He and his brother developed a Yellow Dent Seed corn and, in addition to their farming interests, they are the owners of a successful wholesale and retail seed business.

On August 18, 1918, Mr. Sommer was united in marriage to Miss Nora Mae Lambert, a daughter of George and Amanda (Gehman) Lambert, of Elkhart, Indiana, where she was born January 1, 1887, and was educated in the public and high schools and Bluffton College, at Bluffton, Ohio. She is a very active member of the Mennonite Church and prior to her marriage spent five years as an instructor in mission schools in Turkey. She frequently is called upon to give talks on her experiences in that part of the world and her lectures are very interesting and well received. She is greatly interested in the work of the Home Bureau and is a popular and useful member of the circles in which she moves. Mr. and Mrs. Sommer are the parents of three children, namely: Theodore Levon, born March 11, 1920; Lois

Lydia, born February 8, 1924, and John, born January 23, 1927.

Politically Mr. Sommer gives his support to the republican party and is active in local public affairs, having served for the past several years as a member of the school board of his district. He has membership in the Mennonite Church, in the work of which he takes an active part, being the superintendent of and a teacher in the Sunday school. He is a member of the crops advisory board of the University of Illinois, a past president of the Illinois Crops Improvement Association, secretary of the Illinois Seed Corn Association, president of Reed's Yellow Dent Society, vice president of the Tazewell County Farm Bureau, president of the Elm Grove Community Club and an officer in various marketing associations. He is a constant reader of educational books and magazines, and, being greatly interested in the geology of this section of the state, is a collector of rocks, fossils and other geological specimens. He has made many radio talks on various topics having to do with agricultural interests, and the Community Club which he represents was once the winner of a state contest sponsored by the Prairie Farmer. A man of strong and well rounded character, recognized for his public spirit and sterling personal qualities, he is one of the leaders of his county.

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### ANNA MILDRED (ROOT) DAVIS

Among the Illinois women who have won prominence in public affairs is numbered Anna Mildred (Root) Davis, a clerk of the circuit court of Brown county—an office which she has occupied for three and one-half years. She was born in Versailles, Illinois, July 12, 1891, a daughter of Joseph Franklin and a granddaughter of the Rev. Thomas Erastus Root, who was a Baptist minister.

Joseph F. Root, also a native of Versailles, was born December 12, 1862, and completed his high school studies at Alton, Illinois. For many years he engaged in farming and in the raising of fine stock, achieving a measure of success that enables him to spend his declining years in ease and retirement. He makes his home in Versailles and is one of the directors of the local bank.

He is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and gives his political support to the democratic party. Mr. Root was married March 11, 1886, to Miss Laura Kate McCoy, who was born in Versailles, this state, October 22, 1865. Her father, William McCoy, who died in 1904, represented an Ohio family that was established in Illinois in 1844. Mrs. Root's mother, Susan Jane (Scanland) McCoy, a member of a Kentucky family that also came to Illinois in an early day, was born September 15, 1838, and passed away July 15, 1930. Mr. and Mrs. Root are the parents of four children: Luella Frances, who was born February 13, 1887, and is the wife of Fred M. Gaddis, of Versailles; Susan Verne, who was born March 13, 1889, and is engaged in teaching at Springfield, Illinois; Anna Mildred; and Charles Howard Root, who was born May 8, 1895, and follows the occupation of farming near Versailles. Enlisting June 4, 1918, for service in the World war, he was assigned to the Thirty-sixth Coast Artillery and sent to Camp Jackson in South Carolina. He was mustered out of the service December 21, 1918, and is now a member of the American Legion.

Anna Mildred Root was reared in her native town and acquired a high school education. On the 28th of June, 1911, she became the wife of Lawrence Alvin Davis, who was born in Versailles, Illinois, November 17, 1886, a son of James and Elizabeth Huldah (Perry) Davis, and of Welsh descent. The father, who engaged in farming near Versailles, is now deceased but the mother survives. Mr. Davis had become the father of four children: Lawrence Alvin; Lewis C., who was born October 21, 1889, and is employed as a telegrapher at Harristown, Illinois; Francis O., an agriculturist of Brown county; and Lillie May, who was born May 19, 1895, and resides with her mother in Versailles. Lawrence A. Davis was graduated from the Versailles high school and from the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Illinois. Going to Chicago, he was an instructor in the Illinois Business College of that city for two years and afterward taught in rural schools of Brown county. In 1915 he went to Kansas and in 1918 became superintendent of the schools of Grant county, that state, but resigned before the completion of his term to return to Illinois. In 1920 he was elected clerk of the circuit



court of Brown county, acting in that capacity until his death on the 14th of July, 1927, and was laid to rest in a cemetery at Versailles. With educational interests of Mount Sterling he was prominently associated as president of the school board and lent the weight of his support to all movements and projects destined to prove of benefit to his district. Reared in a rural community, he early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and followed the occupation of farming for a number of years. He was a lifelong democrat and took a keen interest in politics. His fraternal affiliations were with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. A devout Methodist, he was active in behalf of the church and organized Sunday schools while in Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Davis were the parents of five children: Wendell Lawrence, who was born May 15, 1915; Galen Alvin and Gladys Mildred, twins, who were born in Lawson, Kansas, December 7, 1917; Marvin Root, born August 29, 1919; and Virginia Ruth, born May 22, 1925.

Mrs. Davis also adheres to the Methodist faith and is a zealous worker in the church. Fraternally she is identified with the Daughters of Rebekah and is chaplain of the order in Mount Sterling. Like her late husband, she has a predilection for politics and is an influential member of the woman's democratic organization of Brown county. On the 17th of July, 1927, she was appointed clerk of the circuit court of Brown county to complete the unexpired term of her husband and proved so competent that she was elected to that office in November, 1928. As a public servant she has made an enviable record and her personal qualities are such as inspire esteem and friendship.

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#### A. JUDSON ALLTON

A. Judson Allton, president of the Fulton Manufacturing Company, at Canton, and one of Fulton county's prominent citizens, having been actively identified with its commercial and financial interests during the greater part of his life, was born near Canton, on the 28th of May, 1875. His parents, James E. and Mary (Brown) Allton were born and reared in Fayette

county, Pennsylvania, the father's birth occurring in 1840 and the mother's April 14, 1844. The Alltons are numbered among the oldest families of this country, the line being traced back directly to Resin Allton, who was a brother of Samuel Allton, who is mentioned in the American Library of Genealogy as having come to this country early in the seventeenth century. Among his direct descendants was John Allton, who was a soldier of the American war for independence and served as a personal body guard for General Washington. The family name occurs in the early records of Virginia, where it is connected with affairs of state, as well as manufacturing and commercial interests. The paternal grandfather of A. Judson Allton was William B. Allton, who was the father of James E. The latter was a soldier in the Union Army during the Civil war, serving successively in the Second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry and the First Pennsylvania Artillery. He was wounded three times on the field of battle and a wound in his foot never ceased giving him trouble. He served as a provost guard for a year in Washington, D. C., after the war, and on his return to civil life took up farming, which he followed during the greater part of his life. His death occurred February 23, 1888. He was a lifelong republican and was as conscientious in casting his ballot as he was in everything that he did. He possessed an inquiring mind, ever seeking after knowledge, and was a well informed man. His integrity was never questioned and he was eminently worthy of the high place which he held in public esteem. In 1868 he married Miss Mary Brown, whose parents were of Scotch-Irish stock and numbered among the early settlers of the Keystone state. She was a woman of kindly manner, lovable qualities and unblemished character, who commanded the love and respect of everyone who knew her. She was held in grateful regard by many whom she had served in their hours of sickness or trouble, for she gave no thought to self when she saw the opportunity to help someone. She passed away March 26, 1926, having survived her husband thirty-eight years, and was sincerely mourned by all who knew her.

A. Judson Allton received his educational training in the district schools of Fulton county and in young manhood learned the machinist's trade, at which he worked for several years. He

then engaged in the insurance business in Canton for twenty-two years. From 1910 to 1918 he was president of the Bankers and Merchants Association, a casualty company, with offices at Canton. During this period, under his supervision and personal direction, this company grew to be one of the largest of its kind in the state. It was sold to the Eastern Casualty Company of Boston, but Mr. Allton was left in charge of its affairs in Canton, a position which he held continuously until recent date. In 1921 he became one of the organizers of the Fulton Manufacturing Company, detailed reference to which is made on other pages of this work. As president of the rapidly growing concern he has devoted his attention closely to its affairs and has shown clear-headed judgment in management. He has prospered in his individual affairs and is the owner of valuable farm lands in Fulton county, which are cultivated by tenants, but under his direct supervision, and he has shown a deep general interest in the development of the agricultural resources of the county. He is also the owner of residential and business properties in Canton.

On June 9, 1897, Mr. Allton was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Ellsworth, who was born April 30, 1877, and is a daughter of John W. and Julia (Wheeler) Ellsworth. She received a high school education in Kansas and is a woman of wide interests, being an active member of the Methodist Protestant Church, an expert in the care and cultivation of flowers and plants, and a tactful, gracious and popular member of a large social circle. Mr. and Mrs. Allton are the parents of a daughter, Gladys M., born November 29, 1897. She graduated from the Canton high school in 1925, later graduated from Brown's Business College, at Galesburg, Illinois, and is now employed as bookkeeper and stenographer by the Wheeler Transfer Company, of Canton. The family home is at 388 West Maple street, Canton.

Politically Mr. Allton is independent, voting for the men whom he regards as best qualified for the offices they seek, regardless of party lines. He is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, to which he is a generous contributor, as he is also to the Young Men's Christian Association and other worthy benevolent causes. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons and the Knights of Pythias, being a past chancellor commander



in the latter order. He enjoys athletics and outdoor sports in general and is particularly partial to hunting and fishing as recreations. He stands for those things which are of general benefit to the community along material, civic or moral lines, and is recognized as one of Canton's substantial and dependable citizens.

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### CUBA SCHOOLS

Cuba's first school was a log house and was built in the early '50s. The next building was a two-room brick house. In 1871 a larger building was erected on the present school grounds, the property being donated by Henry Berry. The old school-house was torn down and the material used in the new building, which was a two-story structure with one room above and two below. Abraham Neff was the first superintendent and remained in Cuba for years. In 1883 a two-story, two-room brick addition was erected on the west side and in the early '90s a two-story addition with two rooms above and two rooms below was erected on the east side. With these additions the building was used until 1913, when it was torn down and the present building erected. Perry H. Hellyer was the superintendent then. The present building is two stories high, with a basement, and contains seventeen rooms. It was used by the schools of Cuba Local District No. 96 until 1918, when the Cuba Community High School District No. 296 was organized. The high school was then housed in the building, paying the district a rental fee until 1930, when it was agreed to by the boards that District No. 296 would build a gymnasium to be used by both districts and then District No. 96 would discontinue the rent. This was done and Cuba now boasts of one of the finest gymnasiums in the state—a fireproof structure with a seating capacity of twelve hundred. The athletic floor is forty-five by eighty feet in dimensions and the building has a stage fifty-four feet long. This building has a modern ventilating system controlled by electricity, modern dressing rooms with showers and lockers and separate rooms for its coaches and visiting teams. It is heated by steam and is con-

structed of brick and steel. The gymnasium is connected by a hall with the school building, which is of brick and is heated by hot air furnaces and supplied with city water.

The high school has seven teachers besides the superintendent and is accredited by the State University and the North Central Association. The regular high school course is taught, with music and agriculture stressed. The course offers two years of typewriting, one year of bookkeeping and two years of shorthand. The music teacher divides her time between the high school and the grade school. The high school has a band and a boys' and a girls' glee club. The course in agriculture is outstanding and many students are availing themselves of it. The school rents an athletic field for football, basket-ball and track. There are one hundred and forty-nine high school students and about two hundred and ninety grade school pupils, and twenty per cent of the high school graduates attend higher institutions of learning. There are eight regular teachers in the grades besides the principal. Each year additions are made to the splendid school library. The members of the school board and the people of Cuba generally are progressive, public-spirited and enterprising citizens who give every possible support to the superintendent, and faculty.

Aden Elden Hubbard, superintendent of the grade school and principal of the high school, was born in Odon, Indiana, September 22, 1877, a son of Pleasant and Matilda (Kendall) Hubbard. He was graduated from the Indiana State Normal School in 1906 and continued his studies at the University of Chicago, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Science degree in 1917. For a decade prior to becoming identified with educational work in Illinois he taught in the schools of the Hoosier state. Then he served as high school superintendent at Tolono, Illinois, for two years, afterward as superintendent at Arlington Heights for a similar period and next was superintendent at Avon, Illinois, for five years, while from 1918 until 1922 he filled the position of principal of the township high school at Biggsville, Illinois. Subsequently he was connected with the Wellington township high school for four years, on the expiration of which period he came to Cuba, Illinois, where he has since remained as superintendent

and principal. He is a member of the Illinois State Teachers Association and the National Education Association and is widely recognized as an able educator of broad experience whose work has been attended with most gratifying success. Mr. Hubbard occupies the presidency of the Fulton County Athletic and Literary League. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On the 28th of April, 1909, at Pine Village, Indiana, Mr. Hubbard was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Gady, who was born May 23, 1890, a daughter of Elmer E. and Alice E. Gady. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard are the parents of three children: Kendall, born July 9, 1913; Harold, born March 16, 1919; and Francis, born December 15, 1920. The wife and mother has membership in the P. E. O. and in the Methodist Episcopal Church; also P. T. A., Order of the Eastern Star.

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### ALLEN ALEXANDER CURRY

Allen Alexander Curry, Mount Sterling's popular and efficient mayor, was born in Mount Sterling township, October 21, 1865, and represents the fourth generation of the family in Brown county. His great-great-grandfather, Archibald Curry, was born in Scotland, January 21, 1728, and remained in that country until he attained the age of thirty-one. Crossing the Atlantic in 1759, he cast in his lot with the pioneers of Kentucky and served under General Washington in the Revolutionary war. In Scotland he was married September 22, 1757, to Sarah McDonald, who was born August 29, 1738, and both passed away in Scott county, Kentucky, the former on the 26th of December, 1816, and the latter in the same year.

Their son, Alexander Curry, the great-grandfather of Allen Alexander Curry, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, October 14, 1770, and spent much of his life in Scott county, Kentucky, whence he removed to Brown county, Illinois, in 1830. Making extensive investments in land, he acquired a tract of about one thousand acres, which he platted, and here laid out a town, nam-



ing it Mount Sterling, after Mount Sterling in Montgomery county, Kentucky. Of the new town in western Illinois he became the first postmaster, the first justice of the peace and the first mayor. He wrought along the lines of development and progress, leaving the indelible impress of his individuality upon the early history of Mount Sterling, and was a man of generous impulses and high principles, esteemed and respected by all who knew him. In August, 1799, he married Elizabeth Nutter, who was born in Dover, Delaware, August 20, 1776, and died at Mount Sterling, August 28, 1846. For about four years she had survived her husband, whose demise occurred on the 28th of January, 1842.

They were the parents of John R. Curry, the grandfather of Allen A. Curry. John R. Curry was born on the home farm in Scott county, Kentucky, October 19, 1803, and at the age of twenty-seven years came with the family to Brown county, Illinois. For many years he made his home in Mount Sterling and here passed away September 21, 1876. His wife, Belle (Brockman) Curry, was born in 1804 and departed this life December 16, 1875.

Their son, Alexander Curry, the father of Allen A. Curry, was born in Brown county October 11, 1830, and devoted the greater part of his life to mercantile affairs, figuring prominently in business circles of Mount Sterling. He was married June 24, 1857, to Elizabeth Hersman, who passed away in March, 1875. She was a daughter of Jacob and Sarrah Ann Hersman, whose lives were guided by the teachings of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Curry was a pioneer dry goods merchant and furniture dealer of Mount Sterling and conducted a business of substantial proportions. His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Curry, became the mother of two children: Allen Alexander; and Elizabeth B., who was born November 4, 1875.

Allen A. Curry pursued his studies in the common schools of Brown county and was graduated from the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Illinois. When a lad of ten he lost his mother and the father passed away May 10, 1876, when Allen A. Curry was eleven years of age, after which he and his sister were reared by an uncle. His first position was that of clerk in the Crane

store at Mount Sterling and for a similar period he was in the employ of the Crane store at Versailles, Illinois. From 1884 until 1890 he worked in a creamery at Mount Sterling and then accepted a situation with the Wabash Railroad, with which he has since remained, faithfully serving the company for forty-one years. In addition he is at the head of a prosperous business, which he established in 1910, and operates under the style of the Thank You, Al, Coal, Ice, Sand & Gravel Company.

On the 7th of January, 1902, Mr. Curry was married to Miss Ida Grimes, who was born in Perry, Pike county, Illinois, August 30, 1872. Her grandfather, Thomas Grimes, the originator of the apple known as "Grimes Golden," lived at Wellsburg, West Virginia, where a monument commemorates his achievements as an orchardist. The Grimes family was established in Illinois in 1840. Mrs. Curry's father, John L. Grimes, was born in Wellsburg, January 18, 1805, and cast in his lot with the pioneer farmers of Illinois. Following his removal to this state he was elected state representative from Pike county on the democratic ticket and served for two terms. The latter part of his life was spent in Pike county and on the 17th of May, 1874, he was called to his final rest.

His wife, Rosanna (Handley) Grimes, was born in Brown county, Ohio, June 17, 1835, and died in September, 1921. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church. Their daughter, Mrs. Ida Curry, came with the family to Brown county, Illinois, at the age of six years and here pursued her education until graduated from the Mount Sterling high school. Mr. and Mrs. Curry have two children. The elder, Eutrophia Grimes, was born December 14, 1903, in Mount Sterling and was graduated from the local high school with the class of 1921. For two years she attended Knox College at Galesburg and then matriculated in the University of Illinois at Champaign, where she majored in English, receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree from that institution of learning in 1925. In the high school at Henning, Illinois, she gained her initial experience as an educator, remaining there for two years, and was next connected with the Mount Sterling high school for a year. She was an instructor at Mathiston, Mississippi, for two years and is now teaching in the high

school at Kewanee, Illinois. Alice Elizabeth, the younger daughter, was born August 2, 1913, and graduated from the Mount Sterling high school in 1931.

The family have membership in the Methodist Church of Mount Sterling and Mr. Curry is one of its trustees. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. A conscientious, public-spirited citizen, he has been president of the library board for ten years and was an alderman for four years. He was elected mayor in April, 1929, and brought to the office a clear understanding of municipal problems and requirements, supplemented by the practical experience and sound judgment of a capable business man. He is giving to his city a progressive administration and his record as a public official redounds to his credit. Traveling constitutes one of the chief sources of his enjoyment and he has visited many points of interest in the United States, each year taking a trip to some part of the country. A love of children is one of his salient traits and his many good qualities have gained for Mayor Curry the esteem of all with whom he has been associated in the varied relations of life.

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### RUSHVILLE MOTOR COMPANY

The business now conducted under the name of the Rushville Motor Company was founded in 1909 by A. J. Lashmett with the aid of a demonstrator. An enterprising and reliable dealer, Mr. Lashmett prospered in the undertaking and earned a well deserved reputation for honesty, often discouraging a prospective buyer when he knew that the customer could not afford to purchase a car. He also carried a stock of furniture and his store bore the quaint sign of "Fords, Fiddles and Furniture."

On October 20, 1920, the business was purchased by William L. Park and his son, P. Jay Park, and the new owners moved it to the Parrott & Kerr building, opposite the Rushville post office on Washington street. There the business was continued under a partnership relation until 1924, when it was incorporated as the Rushville Motor Company by William L. Park, P. Jay Park,



C. A. Dill, Laura F. Park and Mary Yost Dill, P. Jay Park becoming president and C. A. Dill secretary and treasurer.

The quarters in the Parrott & Kerr building soon proved inadequate and in order to meet the demands of the trade the company erected for its own use a large and substantial structure of steel, concrete and brick. Since 1926 the business has been housed in this building, which is ninety-eight by eighty-two feet in dimensions. The south front has a beautiful show room and a well appointed service station. The shop is completely equipped with modern machinery and four competent mechanics are kept constantly busy, while the sales force numbers from two to four men. The garage with its stock and equipment represents an investment of about fifty thousand dollars. Increasing their facilities, Mr. Park and Mr. Dill are now installing a large plant at Beardstown, Illinois, where they will keep a supply of Mobil gas and oil for distribution in the surrounding territory. They also handle Quaker State oil and Dixie gas and oil. The Rushville Motor Company carries only Ford cars and Fordson trucks and disposed of two hundred and twenty of these in one year—a sales record thus far unequalled in its history. Its officers are aggressive, capable young men, who maintain a high standard of service, and under their direction the business has enjoyed a steady growth.

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### FRED W. DOERING

One of the best known and most progressive business men of East Peoria is Fred W. Doering, a member of the firm of Doering Brothers, contractors and builders, and also one of the city commissioners. He was born in Groveland township, Tazewell county, Illinois, on the 4th of October, 1892, a son of William and Sarah (Loew) Doering, both of whom are still living. They too were born in Groveland township, and the father was for many years a coal mine operator, also owning a ten-acre farm. Eventually he gave up the coal business and turned his attention to contracting and building, which he followed with marked success, for twenty-four years, when he retired and now resides in East



FRED W. DOERING





Peoria. To him and his wife were born four children, namely: George G., of East Peoria, who is associated with his brothers in the contracting business; Sarah, the wife of Joseph Ehrett, of East Peoria, who is connected with the firm of Doering Brothers; William Henry, also a member of that firm, and Fred W. The latter was educated in the public schools of East Peoria, after which he assisted his father in the contracting business. Originally the firm name was Doering & Sons, but in 1911 the father retired and the three sons took over the business, which is now conducted under the firm style of Doering Brothers. During the eighteen years of this firm's existence it has held a high place among the leading companies in its line of effort, having erected many important and costly buildings in this locality and enjoys an enviable reputation for the quality of its work and its sound business methods.

On June 22, 1918, Mr. Doering was united in marriage to Miss Florence Reichelderfer, a native of Ohio, and they are the parents of two children, Dorris S. and Sheldon F. Mr. Doering is a staunch republican in his political alignment and in 1926 was elected to the board of city commissioners for a four-year term. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and his religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Doering is a veteran of the World war, for which he enlisted in 1918. He was in training at Camp Wheeler, at Macon, Georgia, for two months and was then sent overseas, landing in Scotland. From there he was sent to France, where he saw ten months of active service, during which he was made a corporal. He was honorably discharged at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois, on June 28, 1919, and, returning to East Peoria, resumed his contracting business, in which he has since been engaged. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion at East Peoria. His brother William also is a veteran of the great war, for which he trained at Camp Wheeler, and spent eight months overseas. He was honorably discharged at Camp Grant and he belongs to the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The old firm of Doering & Sons did much important building in this city, among the many large contracts which the firm successfully handled being the Richland grammar school, costing

one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. The new firm of Doering Brothers is now erecting some of the largest buildings in Tazewell county. The Doerings, father and sons, are numbered among the most enterprising and substantial citizens of East Peoria and their interest in the civic progress of the community has been evidenced by their consistent efforts in behalf of the public welfare.

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### EDWARD E. CLARK

Among the representative business men of Mount Sterling is numbered Edward E. Clark, who has important real estate and insurance interests. The name Clark is derived from the word clerk, a trade or profession, as are many surnames, such as Smith, Carpenter and Rigg. There are many families named Clark, which, so far as can be determined, show no relationship. Before the revolution in the colonies Francis Clark came to this country from the north of Ireland and in 1634 settled near the Virginia and North Carolina line. From a Clark family in this vicinity came a distinguished soldier, George Rogers Clark, and his equally distinguished brother, William Clark. The former was active in the "winning of the west," while the latter, in company with Meriwether Lewis, explored the Louisiana purchase. A similarity of names would indicate that Thomas Clark, the American progenitor of the Clarks of Brown county, Illinois, was related to the above mentioned family. Thomas Clark died at Guilford Courthouse a few months before the famous battle and his widow with her two sons listened to the firing of Greene's and Cornwallis' regulars. Thomas and Abner, the two youngest of the family of six, relate the following incident of this bloody encounter on March 15, 1781. A British officer accosted their mother with the question, "Are you a loyalist or an American?" She answered, "I am a widow with six children, but I am an American." Saluting, he replied, "Madam, you are the first honest woman I have found in America." William Clark, the oldest son, was enrolled in the militia, he being much older than Thomas and Abner. Susanna Clark did not survive long, for

before 1800 her six children migrated to Kentucky. Abner, the youngest son, was under the guardianship of a Quaker, whom he accompanied to Kentucky. Thomas Clark, who was born in 1770 and died in 1847, came to Brown county, Illinois, in the year 1839 from Logan county, Kentucky. His children, with one exception, came with him. Hiram, a son, settled in Moniteau county, Missouri, and the little town of Clarksburg sprang up near his home. Four of the sons of Thomas Clark resided on farms in Brown county, where they were well known. They were: William Anthony Clark, who lived and died on section 17, Missouri township; Abner Clark, who lived for many years two miles west of Mount Sterling, on the old Quincy road; Thomas Milton Clark, on whose farm in section 32, Missouri township, the new Salem Church now stands; and Robert Newton Clark, who spent most of his life on a farm in section 31, Missouri township. Daisy, Oliver Anthony and Oliver Bailey Clark, children of John Thomas Clark and grandchildren of William Anthony Clark, still reside on the old homestead in Missouri township. Abner Clark, who was born in 1777 and died in 1849, was four years old when he was so terrified by the roar of battle at Guilford Courthouse. As already stated, he located in Logan county, Kentucky, when a young man and in 1804 married Nancy Goram, who, it is said, followed the dogs in a bear hunt when a girl.

Calvin Clark, their eldest child, was born May 30, 1805, and died March 15, 1881. He was the first of the family to settle within the confines of Brown county. Locating in Mount Sterling township, he built a cabin on the hill west of Mount Sterling, near the west line of section 7. Frogs, flies and mosquitoes held carnival over the rich farming land in that vicinity and wild ducks were plentiful. Calvin Clark was proud of the fact that he was the first to scatter blue grass seed in the new country. Harrison M. Clark, the third son, who was born February 15, 1811, and died March 18, 1883, came to Brown county in 1833 and settled on lower Pea Ridge. William T. Clark, the second son, arrived three years later and cast in his lot near his brother Harrison. William T. Clark was born March 1, 1809, and died March 7, 1855.

The older sons having made a favorable report of the condi-



tions in Illinois, the father resolved to bring the rest of the family to the new land. Two married daughters, Mrs. Perneta Adams and Mrs. Inetta Wilgus, with their husbands had departed for Illinois, and in the fall of 1835 the remaining members of the family left Logan county, Kentucky. The party consisted of the following persons: Abner Clark and his wife Nancy, Francis A., Abner Angel, Catherine, Purlina, Delilah and her husband, George W. Coffman. They arrived in Schuyler (now Brown) county in October, 1835. With the assistance of his two sons, F. A. and Abner A., Abner Clark constructed a two-story log cabin with a mud chimney on land in section 19, Missouri township. In this primitive dwelling Mr. and Mrs. Abner Clark spent their remaining years, the former passing away August 28, 1849, and the latter on December 13, 1846.

Francis Abner Clark, their fourth son, was born in Logan county, Kentucky, September 11, 1820, and was married in that state July 10, 1843, to Eliza Rankin. A native of Ireland, she was born May 10, 1823, and acquired her education in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The young couple started housekeeping in a log cabin on section 10, Pea Ridge township. A work bench served as a table and the rest of the furnishings of their home were in harmony. Francis A. Clark died in Brown county January 30, 1896, and had long survived his wife, whose demise occurred February 15, 1867. Their family numbered nine children, seven of whom grew to mature years.

Their daughter Catherine, born March 20, 1846, became the wife of Thomas McMurray, a Civil war veteran, who died in 1897. His widow now resides with her two daughters, Mary McMurray and Eleanor Black, in Rocky Ford, Colorado.

A son, Alexander H. Clark, prominent as a stock dealer and farmer in Brown county, was born March 19, 1848, and died October 8, 1917. His life was remarkable in that he conducted a live stock business and engaged in agricultural pursuits for a number of years after he suffered paralysis of the lower limbs. He was an invalid for thirty-eight years but retained an exceptionally keen intellect during that time.

Abner Clark, the third son, was born January 1, 1850, and obtained his higher education in Northwestern University and

the Garrett Biblical Institute, afterward ministering to a number of churches in the Methodist Conference of Illinois. He was married August 18, 1896, to Julia A. Tool and they have two sons, Francis M. and Lewis. The former is an instructor in the University of Illinois and the latter is a stock farmer in Brown county.

William A. Clark was born June 17, 1852, and died at Mount Sterling, March 12, 1917. During the greater part of his life he resided on section 12, Lee township, where he carried on extensive stock raising and farming operations. He is survived by five children: Abner, who lives in Texas; Emma Rusk, whose home is in Iowa; Charles W., who operates a large farm just north of the city limits of Mount Sterling; and F. A. Clark and Mary E. Jennings, who also reside in Brown county.

Lydia, the second daughter of Francis and Eliza Clark, was born on Christmas day of 1858 and on February 27, 1878, became the wife of Thomas R. McDannold. Three of their five children live in Brown county, namely: Mrs. Ada Kerley, of Lee township; Mrs. Alta Parker, of Pea Ridge township; and Reuben Roy McDannold, who is one of the prosperous farmers and large land holders of Pea Ridge and Missouri townships. Mary McDannold resides in Oklahoma, and Lydia departed this life January 19, 1910.

Edward E. Clark, the fifth son, was born June 28, 1862, and supplemented his public school education by attendance at Illinois College in Jacksonville, where he was graduated in 1883. While in college he was associated with W. J. Bryan for two years and after starting out in life for himself entered the real estate field, in which he has since continued. An expert valuator, he has negotiated many important transfers of property and has also contributed toward Mount Sterling's upbuilding and improvement. He likewise writes insurance and owes his success in business to close application, judicious management and fair dealing. A man of deeply religious nature, Mr. Clark has long been an active member of the Christian Church and has taught in its Sunday school for nineteen years. He enjoys the social side of life and has many commendable traits of character, as his fellow citizens attest.

Edward E. Clark married Meribah E. Ritchey, who was born January 8, 1862, a daughter of James Ritchey, a Kentuckian, who removed to Illinois in 1838, settling in Brown county, and lived for many years on a farm in section 18, Mount Sterling township. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have two children. The daughter, Meribah, born November 9, 1887, was graduated from the University of Illinois in 1916 with the Bachelor of Arts degree and is an instructor in the Indiana Teachers Training School at Terre Haute. The son, James Clark, who was born December 25, 1890, follows agricultural pursuits and is cultivating large tracts of land in Lee and Mount Sterling townships. On the 25th of January, 1915, he married Laura Clemmons, who was born October 12, 1894, and they have become the parents of five children: Ruth Maxine, who was born December 1, 1915; Virginia May, born June 7, 1918; Clemmons Edward, February 6, 1921; Lola Gertrude, February 13, 1923; and James Roland, January 20, 1928.

Benjamin F. Clark, the youngest son of Francis and Eliza Clark, was born December 24, 1864, and became an agriculturist. On the 29th of November, 1888, he was married to Nannie Louge, whose demise occurred October 11, 1912. She had become the mother of a son, Floyd, who died December 14, 1913. With his second wife Benjamin F. Clark now resides on a farm near Belle Fourche, in Butte county, South Dakota.

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#### ALBERT N. PRICE

The newspaper fraternity in the Illinois River Valley has an able representative in Albert N. Price, the owner and editor of the Astoria Argus-Searchlight, of which he has been the guiding spirit for twenty-eight years and which is one of the newsiest and most influential journals in this section of the valley. Mr. Price was born in Hickory township, Schuyler county, Illinois, on the 6th of August, 1874, and is a son of William M. and Margaret (Dixon) Price. The paternal grandfather, Lewis Price, was born in Morgantown, Pennsylvania, and came to Illinois in the early days of its statehood. His wife, whose maiden name



was Katherine Butler, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, and came to this state with her father in early life. She became the wife of Lewis Price on July 14, 1872. Their son, William M., was a native of Schuyler county and there followed farming and stock-raising until his retirement from active business pursuits, at which time he removed to Astoria, where he still lives. He is a democrat in politics, as was his father, and is well known throughout Schuyler and Fulton counties. Margaret (Dixon) Price was born in Schuyler county, Illinois, September 17, 1855, and was a daughter of James and Rhoda (Wilkes) Dixon. James Dixon was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1816, and emigrated to this country in 1841. He remained for some time in New York and then moved to Ohio. Eventually he came to Illinois, settling at Bluff City, Schuyler county, where he engaged in farming. He also worked on the canal in Chicago in the early days of that city. In 1852 he married Rhoda Wilkes, who was born in March, 1833, and died September 26, 1925. James Dixon died on September 18, 1906. James and Rhoda Dixon became the parents of four children, as follows: Margaret, Mrs. Price; John, who is the owner of the Eagle motor bus line, of Peoria, and is also engaged in the wholesale fish business in that city; Frank, deceased; and Robert B., born November 5, 1853, died December 26, 1925. Margaret (Dixon) Price is an active member of the Baptist Church in Astoria and is greatly interested in the welfare of those about her. To William and Margaret Price have been born the following children: Albert N.; Frank N., born November 30, 1876, is engaged in farming in Schuyler county; Flora, born November 5, 1883, is the wife of Dr. A. M. Johnson, of Concord, Illinois, and George, born March 20, 1885, lives at Browning, this state.

Albert N. Price received his early education in the grade schools at Bluff City and then entered the Valparaiso Normal School, at Valparaiso, Indiana, from which he was graduated in 1897. He engaged in a general mercantile business in Bluff City, which he conducted successfully for a few years. During that period he studied law under attorneys U. G. Butcher and J. D. Wooley, well known lawyers at Astoria, and subsequently moved to Kansas, to the bar of which state he was admitted on May 14,

1893. He then returned to Astoria and in 1903 turned his attention to the newspaper business, buying the Argus-Searchlight, which he has published continuously to the present time. As a writer he is forceful and expressive, his paper being noted for its excellent literary style, while typographically it will compare favorably with any of its contemporaries. The Argus-Searchlight is a splendid advertising medium, having a large circulation in this county, and is a valuable newspaper property.

On May 1, 1897, Mr. Price was united in marriage to Miss Cassie T. Danner, who was born November 25, 1877, and died October 30, 1929. She was a daughter of Henry S. and Catherine (Trone) Danner, of whom the former was born December 3, 1837, and died August 29, 1917, and the latter born March 11, 1842, and died March 6, 1915. They were married November 24, 1861, and became the parents of the following children: Mrs. Caroline D. Palmer, born November 11, 1862, and now living at Cisne, Wayne county, Illinois; Albert T., born December 22, 1864, died April 28, 1930; Isaac T., born January 9, 1867, lives near Astoria; Mrs. Sarah T. D. Palmer, born September 30, 1869, lives in Astoria; Ellen T.; Cassie T., Mrs. Price; and Daniel T., born June 28, 1881, and living at Canton, this state. Henry S. Danner was a pioneer of Fulton county, followed the vocation of farming, and was a democrat in politics. Mrs. Price was an active member of the Christian Church and belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star, of which she was a past worthy matron, and the Dorcas Club. To Mr. and Mrs. Price was born a son, Harold Malcolm, on January 23, 1909. He graduated from the Astoria high school in 1924 and later graduated from the Citizens Military Training Camp at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, receiving medals for efficiency and excellence. He attended Brown's Business College at Galesburg, Illinois, for two years and is now taking a course in aviation, at Von-Hoffmann School, Lambert Field, St. Louis, Missouri.

In his political views Albert N. Price is a republican and has to some extent been active in local public affairs, having served one term as supervisor of Astoria township and one term as town clerk. He was one of the organizers of the Astoria Community Club, of which he is still an active member. He belongs to the

Knights of Pythias, Masons and the Modern Woodmen of America, in which he has held offices, and he is a member of the Illinois Press Association. He is an artist of ability, being able to rapidly sketch a portrait, and also possesses unusual mechanical skill, one of his hobbies being the making of useful contrivances, in which he is a genius. He likes athletic sports and spends many pleasant hours with rod or gun. He is numbered among Astoria's influential and successful men and to a marked degree commands the confidence of his fellowmen.

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### HARRY E. McLAREN

Harry E. McLaren is a well known and successful representative of journalistic interests in the Illinois River Valley as a partner of Howard F. Dyson in the ownership and publication of The Rushville Times. He was born in Astoria, Fulton county, Illinois, June 3, 1872, his parents being Robert F. and Amanda (Lane) McLaren, who were also natives of this state, born in Fulton and Schuyler counties, respectively. The paternal grandfather, Peter McLaren, left his native Scotland for the new world and took up his abode among the pioneer settlers of Fulton county, Illinois. Robert F. McLaren, the father of Harry E. McLaren, was born in Woodland township, Fulton county, October 31, 1835, and in young manhood followed farming. He became an active worker in the local ranks of the democratic party and was numbered among the most public-spirited and influential citizens of Astoria for a half century. He there served as justice of the peace for thirty-two years, during which period he married two hundred and twenty-seven couples, was township clerk for eleven years, city clerk for six years and assessor for four years and also served as a member of the board of education for many years. He retired in 1903 and departed this life July 24, 1911. To him and his wife were born three sons, namely: Harry E., of this review; Walter, who died in infancy; and Clement, who passed away at the age of thirty-five years.

Harry E. McLaren pursued a grammar and high school education in his native town and later spent two years as a student



at Drake University of Des Moines, Iowa. In 1891, when a youth of nineteen years, he purchased the Astoria Argus, which he published for a decade. On the expiration of that period he removed to Rushville, where on the 28th of February, 1901, he founded the Schuyler County Herald. In July, 1926, this journal was consolidated with The Rushville Times, which Mr. McLaren has since published in partnership with Howard F. Dyson.

On the 25th of May, 1912, Mr. McLaren was united in marriage to Miss Nora Olive Loring, a daughter of James and Elizabeth Loring. She was educated in the Rushville high school and also attended Knox College for two years. She is a valued member of the Methodist Church, also belongs to the P. E. O. Sisterhood and is active in both civic and social affairs of the community in which she resides. Mrs. McLaren is fond of golf and is a lover of flowers. By her marriage she has a son, James Loring, who was born August 5, 1914.

Mr. McLaren is widely recognized as an enterprising, progressive and public-spirited citizen whose influence is ever found on the side of civic advancement. He is a worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, to which he belongs, and also has membership in the 22 Club, the Community Club and the Scripps Park Golf Club. Hunting and fishing are his favorite forms of recreation.

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### ROBERT R. TURNER

The interests of the State Savings, Loan & Trust Company of Quincy are ably represented at Mount Sterling by Robert R. Turner, whose connection with financial affairs covers a period of twenty-seven years. He was born May 15, 1889, in the town where he still resides, and is a son of Charles H. and Carrie Ella (Smith) Turner and a brother of Charles E. Turner, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this work. The grandfather, George Turner, was one of the pioneer merchants of Mount Sterling and his forbears served under General Washington in the Revolutionary war. Charles H. Turner was a financier of high standing, well known as cashier of the First National

Bank of Mount Sterling, and continued as an officer of the institution until his death on December 3, 1905. His widow, who still resides here, is related on the distaff side to the Chester, Morgan and Stoddard families, all of which were established in this country in colonial times. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Turner were born three children: Robert R.; Charles E., engaged in the practice of law in Mount Sterling; and Mary, now the wife of Glenn Harsman, of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The grammar and high schools of his native town afforded the educational advantages enjoyed by Robert R. Turner, who became a wage earner in 1904, when he obtained a situation in the First National Bank of Mount Sterling. Starting in a humble capacity, he was steadily promoted as he gained in proficiency and knowledge and in 1908 was made assistant cashier. Eight years later he assumed the duties of cashier and acted in that capacity from 1916 until January, 1930, when the bank was closed, at which time he became local representative of the State Savings, Loan & Trust Company of Quincy. He makes his headquarters in Mount Sterling and looks after the real estate and loan interests of the company in Brown county. Experienced, dependable and efficient, he meets every requirement of the position, which is one of large responsibility.

Mr. Turner was married July 20, 1923, to Miss Eileen Simpson, who was born in Exeter, Scott county, Illinois, July 25, 1893, and obtained her early instruction in Winchester, that county. Following her graduation from the Mount Sterling high school she studied music, developing her talents along that line, but is not a professional. She is a daughter of Wyatt and Isabel (Armitage) Simpson, who still reside in Exeter. Her father was born March 5, 1868, and the mother on July 3, 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Turner are the parents of a son, George Robert, born December 16, 1924.

Mr. Turner is a veteran of the World war. Enlisting in the United States Army September 7, 1918, he went to Camp Grant, Illinois, for training and sailed for France on a transport which landed at Brest. He was attached to Evacuation Hospital Unit, No. 37, from its formation until it was disbanded in July, 1919; successively stationed at Joinville, Nevers, and Toul. He was

honorably discharged at Camp Grant. He aided in establishing Brown County Post, No. 374, of the American Legion, Mount Sterling, becoming a charter member of the Post, of which he was for a long time adjutant and service officer, and is also identified with the Forty and Eight, the social organization of the Legion. Mrs. Turner served as president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion at Mount Sterling in 1924 and is also prominently connected with the Twentieth Century Club. Like her husband, she adheres to the Presbyterian faith, and both are republicans in their political views. Fraternally Mr. Turner is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is appreciative of fine music and comes of a family of musicians. During his hours of leisure he indulges in hunting, fishing, golf, and other outdoor activities conducive to health. Traveling has afforded him pleasure and he has visited many points of interest in the United States and Canada, as well as those in France which his sojourn there permitted. He is well satisfied with Mount Sterling as a place of residence and has always cooperated in movements for the growth and benefit of his community. Honest, industrious and conscientious, Mr. Turner has fulfilled life's duties and obligations to the best of his ability and stands deservedly high in the esteem of his fellowmen.

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### BROWN COUNTY FARM BUREAU

The Farm Bureau of Brown County was organized in 1919 and incorporated under the laws of Illinois in 1925. It was organized by the farmers of this county and is supported by a membership fee, and at present has about three hundred and fifty members. In cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the State Agricultural College, it employs an adviser whose duty it is to dispense information on all agricultural subjects and through farmer cooperators demonstrate the best agricultural practices that have been devised by the experiment stations. In other words, the farm adviser's duties are of an educational nature, covering marketing of farm products, and community welfare as well as production problems.



In addition to its educational program the farm bureau carries on, or assists in a number of commercial activities. It encourages the cooperative marketing of all farm products, has organized a cooperative produce association that handles cream, chickens and eggs, has organized and has in operation two livestock shipping associations, and it cooperates with and assists in every way possible, two farmers' cooperative elevators, both of which are allied with the State and National plan of marketing grain cooperatively. A number of farmers every year sell their wool through the National Wool Pool organization. With the cooperation of Schuyler county the farmers are receiving the service of petroleum products, profits of which are rebated back to the farm bureau members at the end of the year. Insurance of all kinds is another activity of the farm bureau, giving the farmers insurance at cost. Hog cholera serum, spray material, seed treatments and inoculation are handled by the farm bureau for its members at cost.

In its educational program the farm bureau lays special stress upon the projects of soil improvement, livestock improvement, 4-H Club work, and farm management.

Brown county has had three advisers. The first was Mr. Davidson, who served for three years and his duties were then assumed by W. P. Miller who served about eight years. His successor, William E. Foard, the present adviser, was born in Ripley county, Missouri, July 18, 1883, a son of William A. and Nancy (Greer) Foard, who were natives of Christian county, Kentucky. The father, who was born October 5, 1847, engaged in teaching school as a young man, also cultivating a farm, and is now deceased. The mother was born March 8, 1850, and is eighty-one years of age.

William E. Foard obtained his early education in his native county and taught in its common schools for three years, afterwards pursuing a three years' course in the normal school at Springfield, Missouri. In 1909 he enrolled as a student in the University of Missouri, from which he won the degree of Bachelor of Science in agriculture in 1913, and that of Master of Arts in 1914, and continued with the institution for a year as an instructor. In March, 1915, he became connected with the de-

partment of agriculture of the United States Government and was sent to Colorado, where he spent three years, devoting his attention to farm management. In 1918 he returned to Missouri Agricultural College continuing farm management extension work and in 1920 entered county agent work in Scott county, Missouri, acting in that capacity for three years. He next engaged in farming in Ohio for a year. In 1924 he went to Bond county, Illinois, as farm adviser, there remaining until 1930, when he became connected with the Brown County Farm Bureau, which was fortunate in securing the services of a man of his scientific knowledge and superior ability.

On the 11th of June, 1914, Mr. Foard was married to Miss Winona Houser who was born in Wooster, Ohio, February 27, 1893, and they now have four children: Evelyn Marie, who was born January 19, 1916; Ruth Elizabeth, born August 30, 1917; Robert William, January 13, 1919; and Marion Louis, June 22, 1924.

The parents are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and nonpartisan in politics. Mr. Foard belongs to the Gamma Sigma Delta and Epsilon Sigma Phi fraternities and his wife is a member of the Domestic Science and Twentieth Century Clubs. They are regarded as a valuable acquisition to the social and cultural life of Mount Sterling and have already won a secure place in the esteem of the residents of this community. Mr. Foard has chosen for his life work a field of broad usefulness and has furthered the agricultural progress of many states.

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#### EDWARD GORTON CROMWELL, M. D.

In the death of Dr. Edward G. Cromwell, on December 30, 1928, Henry, Illinois, lost one of its most learned, useful and distinguished citizens, a man who for more than three decades had filled a large place in the life of his community and had gained an exalted place in public regard. An able physician, skilled surgeon and a ripe scholar, he was long looked upon as one of the first citizens of Marshall county. He dignified his profession



*E. G. Crowell*





and honored his locality by his efficient and unselfish professional service and his loyal and constant interest in the welfare of his fellow beings and the advancement and prosperity of his community. Dr. Cromwell was born in De Kalb, Illinois, July 19, 1876, a son of Dr. Philip and Katherine (Halligan) Cromwell. He received his early education in the public schools of De Kalb and Wilmington, Illinois, after which he entered the Chicago School of Homeopathy, being graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1896. He served eighteen months as interne in the Cook County Hospital, and in the fall of 1897 came to Henry, where he practiced his profession to the time of his death. His record here was one of continuous and absolute devotion to the interests of those who placed themselves under his professional care, and this fact unquestionably hastened his death. During the World war he was busy night and day caring for a large practice, which was doubly heavy because of the absence in France of his partner, and then, for several weeks prior to his last illness he severely taxed his strength during the "flu" epidemic, so that he was not able to resist an attack of pneumonia, following the influenza.

On coming to Henry Dr. Cromwell established his office in the Kraus block, on upper Edward street. He was successful from the start and his practice grew to an extent that impelled him to secure a partner in the person of Dr. T. C. Coggeshall, a native of Winchester, Indiana, who graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago in 1904. Realizing the urgent need of a hospital in which their patients could be properly cared for as necessity required, they equipped a suite of rooms in the Potter building, and there they carried on their practice until their purchase of the Kline building, on Edward and Third streets, which they converted into a modern hospital bearing their name, and which was well patronized. During these years Drs. Cromwell and Coggeshall, determined to keep pace with the latest advances in the healing art, took post-graduate courses in this and other countries, and met with remarkable success in their practice.

Dr. Cromwell was married June 10, 1899, to Miss Grace V. Paskell, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Paskell, formerly

prominent residents of Henry, and they became the parents of three children, namely: Dorothy V., the wife of Edward Crebbs, of Burlington, Iowa; John Philip, a lieutenant in the United States Navy at Vallejo, California; and Frederick P., who is taking an engineering course in the University of Illinois. The mother of these children passed away September 18, 1921, and October 30, 1922, Dr. Cromwell was married to Mrs. Leah Wier Cowan, the widow of the late George W. Cowan, formerly a county official of Marshall county. Her parents, Frederick E. and Anna (Sperry) Wier, were members of pioneer families of Marshall county, John Wier, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Cromwell, settling there in 1832. To Mr. and Mrs. Cowan a son, George L., was born in 1920. By a former marriage Mr. Cowan was the father of a son, Robert Fort, who is now a student in St. John's Military Academy, at Delafield, Wisconsin. Mrs. Cromwell was educated in the Lacon (Ill.) high school and for two years studied music in Cornell College, at Mt. Vernon, Iowa. She is a member of the Delphian Society and the National League of Women Voters.

Dr. Cromwell maintained a deep interest in the welfare of his city and was a member of the city council in 1903, when the present waterworks system was accepted. He had been a member of the city board of education, and was also a director of the First National Bank of Henry. The Doctor was a member of the Masonic order, in which he attained the Knight Templar degree; was a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and belonged to the Creve Coeur Club. An active member of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, he was a vestryman for a number of years. Professionally he was affiliated with the Peoria County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He owned a beautiful home, in which he took a justifiable pride, and in the sacred precincts of which he found his greatest pleasure. Quiet and unassuming, professing little but possessing much, he won for himself a place in the hearts of all who knew him. The world is better because he passed through it. He added strength and character to his generation and the few years of borrowed time that he was permitted to enjoy were not wasted. Hundreds of homes here missed him sorely, feeling that a wall



of protection had fallen from around them. He bore an unsullied reputation as an exemplar of the highest civic virtues, as well as of the noblest ethics of his profession, and, measured by all the standards of human excellence, he was a well rounded and unusual man.

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### RUSHVILLE TIMES

Rushville's first newspaper, the first journal published between Peoria and Quincy, Illinois, appeared in 1835, four years before a daily paper was issued in the state. Rushville was at that time a town of about one thousand people and was growing fast both in population and in business enterprises. In the year named, G. W. Davis, a practical printer from Cape Girardeau, Missouri, bought a printing plant at St. Louis and moved it to Rushville, where on May 8, 1835, appeared the first issue of the Rushville Journal and Military Tract Advertiser, Schuyler county's first newspaper. R. W. Renfroe assisted Mr. Davis and shortly became his partner, the firm of Davis & Renfroe being thus formed. In 1836 Mr. Davis retired and the name of the paper was changed to the Rushville Journal, with R. W. Renfroe & Company as publishers. The Journal was a four-page, six-column paper, well printed. The office was in the upstairs room of a new brick building on the southeast corner of the public square. The paper was independent in politics, and both whig and democratic questions were treated neutrally.

On July 30, 1836, the paper was sold to Dr. Adams Dunlap. The latter retained ownership but a short time and sold out to Benjamin Teel, who purchased the sheet for J. B. Faulks. Publication was suspended for a time and the name was changed to the Schuyler Advocate, the first issue of which appeared May 27, 1837. The paper was sold to T. Lyle Dickey in February, 1838. He soon acquired a partner, R. A. Glenn, who changed the name to The Test. The last issue of The Test, which supported the whig party, appeared in the last week of May, 1838.

On the 14th of December, 1839, A. R. Sparks started the Illinois Republican, which was democratic in politics. In April,

1840, this plant was sold to James L. Anderson, who changed the name to the Political Examiner, which was retained until October, 1843, when it was changed to the Rushville Whig in support of Henry Clay. The defeat of Clay in 1844 was a death blow to the Rushville Whig and it suspended publication soon afterward.

In nine years Rushville had nine different papers and twice that many editors, who through lack of funds and profits were forced to abandon their projects, and for the next four years no one had the courage to attempt the task and expense of publishing a newspaper. In the summer of 1848, however, Benjamin F. Scripps bought the old outfit of type and started The Prairie Telegraph, the first issue of which appeared on the 8th of July of that year. This proved to be Rushville's first permanent newspaper and has been a continuous publication to the present time, the change in name to the Rushville Times being made without missing a single number. R. R. Randall, a practical printer, was a partner of Benjamin F. Scripps, and thus served for one year, death ending his journalistic career. On November 3, 1849, the paper was sold to Rev. John Scripps and his son, J. C. Scripps, who continued publication until May 24, 1856, enduring many hardships and inconveniences. In that day print paper was brought from St. Louis by boats and during the winter the supply was at times exhausted, requiring an overland trip to Peoria. Mr. Scripps was a forceful editor and the paper gained a sufficiently large circulation to become profitable.

In May, 1856, the paper was sold to a stock company and the name was changed to the Rushville Times. The stockholders were Hon. L. D. Erwin, Leonidas Horney, Peter Campbell, Joseph Montgomery, D. W. C. Johnson, John Scripps, Charles Neill, James L. Anderson, Enoch Edmonston, John Hugh Lawler and Charles Wells. This paper was democratic in principles and supported the candidacy of Senator Douglas. The editor was DeWitt C. Johnston, a lawyer and Methodist minister from Ohio, who possessed marked literary talent, was a polished orator and later became county judge of Schuyler county. Following his retirement as editor on the 2d of February, 1858, Andrew J. Ashton filled the position for a short time, until May 9, 1860,

when he was succeeded by A. D. Davies, son-in-law of Ex-Governor Thomas Ford. Mr. Davies disappeared from Rushville, deserting his family, and his editorial duties were assumed by J. C. Fox of Missouri, who in 1866 was succeeded by E. A. Snively.

The Times, a failure under the management of a stock company, was sold at a sheriff's sale to satisfy judgments and was purchased by Edwin Dyson, who issued his first number July 2, 1868. Mr. Dyson had been associated with the Schuyler Democrat for ten years and also had four years of experience in St. Louis on the St. Louis Republican. He continued as editor and publisher until his death in 1921. On July 8, 1926, the Times was merged with the Schuyler County Herald and Howard F. Dyson, who succeeded his father, as editor and publisher, formed a partnership with H. E. McLaren, who had founded the Schuyler County Herald on the 28th of February, 1901. At the time of this merger the Schuyler County Citizen, which had been published for seventy years, was also purchased by Messrs. Dyson and McLaren. Thus the Rushville Times, which has been in continuous existence for eighty-three years, became the only newspaper of Rushville and still has that distinction. The Times has complete bound files for the years 1856-57-58, and from 1866 to the present time. Edwin A. Dyson, son of Howard F. Dyson, is business manager of the Rushville Times.

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### EDITH BROWN

Edith Brown, superintendent of schools of Brown county and a well known educator with a background of more than twenty-five years of experience in this field of endeavor, was born in this county on the 8th of October, 1885. She is a daughter of Lee Brown and a granddaughter of Josiah Brown, who journeyed westward to Missouri after leaving New York, his native state, subsequently coming to Illinois.

Lee Brown was born in Missouri October 12, 1860, and when a small boy removed with the family to Illinois. He acquired a grammar school education and early became familiar with gen-



eral agricultural pursuits, which he followed until his demise on July 28, 1903, at the age of forty-two years. He prospered as a farmer and was generous and sympathetic by nature, ever ready to assist those in need. On the democratic ticket he was elected to the office of school director, which he filled for many years, and fraternally he was identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. He had a brother, Jay Brown, who served in the Union Army during the Civil war. On the 9th of January, 1885, Lee Brown had married Lucy A. Worthington, who was born in Brown county, this state, July 29, 1861. Her father, Bradford Worthington, served under Lincoln in the Black Hawk war. He came to Brown county from Kentucky in 1837 and made farming his life work. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brown numbered eight children: Edith; Grace, who was born July 24, 1888, and is now Mrs. T. B. Gates, of Huntington Park, a suburb of Los Angeles, California; Clyde and Claude, twins, who died in infancy; Earl, who was born April 18, 1892, and lives in Mount Sterling; Mary, who was born October 26, 1896, and is now the wife of Harvey Quinn, of Cooperstown, Illinois; Cecil, who lived but fifteen months; and Goldie M., who was born April 6, 1902, and is at home. The son, Earl Brown, enlisted in the United States Army, April 3, 1918, served overseas with the Third Trench Mortars, and was honorably discharged February 5, 1919.

Edith Brown was a pupil in the Mount Sterling high school and the academy of the Western Illinois State Normal at Macomb. In 1905, when twenty years of age, she became an instructor in a rural school and while thus engaged took summer courses in the State Normal at Macomb. Throughout the scholastic years of 1917 and 1918 she attended that institution of learning, receiving her normal diploma in the spring of 1918. Not satisfied with the knowledge thus acquired, she continued her summer training and in 1928 received from the Western Illinois State Normal at Macomb the degree of Bachelor of Education. Meanwhile she had taught in the schools of Adams and Brown counties and was an instructor in the Quincy high school when elected superintendent of the Brown county schools in November, 1926. Experienced and capable, she meets every require-

ment of the office and has done much to improve the curriculum and methods of instruction followed in the county. She is tactful, resourceful and well poised, always prepared for a possible emergency, and readily solves the difficult problems which are constantly arising in connection with her work.

Miss Brown resides with her mother in Mount Sterling. Keenly interested in politics, she has been active in behalf of her party and is president of the Brown County Woman's Democratic League. She is an earnest, helpful member of the Christian Church and a teacher in the Sunday school. Fraternally she is identified with the Daughters of Rebekah, has held every office in the local lodge and is now its delegate from Brown county. As treasurer she figures prominently in the local affairs of the woman's auxiliary of the American Legion and is also an influential member of the Twentieth Century Club of Mount Sterling. She belongs to the Kappa Delta Pi sorority and to the Brown County and Illinois State Teachers Associations and the National Education Association. She was elected as a state delegate to the National Education Association which held its meeting in Los Angeles, California, from June 27 to July 4, 1931. Studious by nature, Miss Brown keeps in touch with the most advanced ideas and methods in her line of work, inspiring both teachers and pupils with much of her zeal and enthusiasm, and is regarded as one of the most progressive and efficient educators in this part of the Illinois River Valley.

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### RUSHVILLE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

At the regular meeting of the county commissioners on July 7, 1825, they organized a free school district. The first school district law was passed by the Illinois legislature in 1825 and it was under this law that the Rushville school district was formed.

Previous to this legally formed district, in 1823 a school was taught in the home of Calvin Hebart by William H. Taylor, who had six pupils. The first public school was built of logs in 1826. This school was never used and perhaps never finished through some technicality in the law. Later in the same year a school was

taught on section 16 by Miss Sophronia Chadsey, and another by Mr. Manlove in Calvin.

The first regular building was erected in the early '30s and its first teacher was Levi Lusk. This was a small one-story brick building. In the winter of 1837-38, Upton Smith taught a subscription school in the attic of the old Methodist Episcopal Church. There were two rooms, one for boys and one for girls. After this many subscription schools were taught in the town. There developed also The Western Seminary, Cottage Seminary, Female Academy, Scripps Academy, The Seminary, Methodist Episcopal Church high school and Parrott high school, all of which flourished for awhile, but gave way before the system of free schools. At this time, May 11, 1858, an effort was made to consolidate the two school districts of Rushville, which were 8 and 9, and had existed apart. There was a regular pitched battle, which resulted in many skinned heads for some of the most prominent citizens. The sheriff was called and a lawsuit was brought which was carried to the supreme court. The decision was the consolidation of districts 8 and 9 and then No. 3 of Buena Vista was taken in, all being formed into the Rushville union school district, which was chartered by the Illinois legislature March 30, 1869. The schools still operate under that charter.

In 1870 a three-story brick building was erected on the site of the old seminary at a cost of forty-five thousand dollars. This served until it was destroyed by fire in 1893. On the same site the Webster school was erected at a cost of twenty-five thousand dollars. In 1893 there was also another two-story brick building erected in the eastern part of the town at a cost of eight thousand dollars. This housed primary pupils. The first class was graduated from high school in 1876. There are now two grade schools and a modern high school.

The Rushville high school was constructed in 1916 and a new addition was built in 1926. The building is of brick and is semi-fireproof. It is three stories high, heated by its own plant, and supplied with city water and lights. It will accommodate four hundred students. The Rushville high school serves Schuyler county, as sixty per cent of its students are from outside of Rush-



ville and come from every township in the county. The basement contains the boys' and girls' lunch rooms, a sewing room, music room, band room, manual training shops, a mechanical drawing room, parent-teachers room, kitchen, gymnasium, locker rooms and shower rooms, in addition to the heating plant and supply room. On the second floor are found the administrative offices, ladies' rest room, the Latin, English, history, social science and home economics departments, a complete kitchen, dining room, laundry room, study hall, library, auditorium and special music studio. The third floor is utilized for the physics, chemical and biological laboratories, class rooms and the commercial department.

The school is accredited by the University of Illinois and is a member of the North Central Association, and its course of study is varied and complete. The school has both a boys' and girls' Glee Club, a girls' and boys' quartet, a public and high school band of one hundred and seven pieces and a thirty-piece orchestra. Music is taught for a two years' course. The manual training department is equipped with the most modern machinery and tools. The school has two literary societies—the Analotos and Philomathian. Debating is practiced and is open to juniors and seniors, from whom the school's debating team is selected.

For athletics the school has football, basket-ball, track and field events and baseball. The coach encourages inter-mural contests. The athletic field is in Scripps Park, where there is a quarter of a mile cinder track enclosing an athletic field. Rushville high school is one of the best in the state and its patrons are progressive and cooperate with the board and faculty. The building is beautiful and surrounded by beautiful grounds.

The present board comprises: Guy R. Miller, president; Bruce Shindel, vice president; Mrs. Margaret Brines, secretary; and Dr. H. H. Hamman and Mamie Mallory, members. The faculty consists of Robert G. Smith, superintendent, and the following teachers: J. F. Pinkerton, science; Marie Barton, French; C. O. Schmitt, English; Cecelia McFerran, English; Thomas B. Houston, English; Thomas L. Scott, history; Robert S. Schramm, mathematics and director of the band; Gladys Francis, mathematics; Dorothy Roe, Latin; R. O. Gray, manual training; A. C.

Cox, physiology; Dorothy Dean, physical education; Myra Taylor, spelling; Verna L. Cole, home economics; Helen E. Wolf, music.

The school is made interesting to students, a large percentage of whom continue their studies in college and university.

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### HOWARD F. DYSON

Howard F. Dyson, who has won more than local renown as a journalist and historian, is the able editor of the Rushville Times, with which he has been continuously identified during the past four decades and in the ownership of which he is now associated with H. E. McLaren. He has been a lifelong resident of Rushville, Illinois, born December 17, 1870, on the lot where he now lives, his parents being Edwin and Mary Frances (Irvin) Dyson. The paternal grandfather, James Dyson, was born in England in 1809 and was a textile worker in his native country. In 1841 he embarked for the new world in company with his wife and children and after thirteen weeks on the water reached New Orleans, whence he made his way to Illinois. He passed away August 4, 1841, leaving four sons. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Hannah Wilson, was married a second time, to William Hampton, and departed this life on the 6th of January, 1893.

Edwin Dyson, the youngest child of James and Hannah (Wilson) Dyson and the father of Howard F. Dyson, was born in Oldham, England, July 28, 1838, and was thus but a baby when brought to the United States. In 1854, when a youth of sixteen years, he entered the newspaper business as an apprentice to Edward Johnson, editor of the Schuyler Democrat at Rushville, and in 1864 went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he worked on the St. Louis Republican. On his return to Rushville four years later he purchased the Times, of which he continued as editor from July 2, 1868, until his death on March 27, 1921. A public-spirited and progressive citizen, he gave his support to the democratic party and served as county treasurer of Schuyler county for two terms but was not active as a politician. On the 2d of April, 1860, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Frances

Irvin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Henderson Irvin, who came to the Illinois River Valley from Kentucky in 1841.

Howard F. Dyson was graduated from the Rushville high school in 1890, spent two years as a student at the Rose Polytechnic Institute of Terre Haute, Indiana, and began work on the Rushville Times in association with his father in 1891, the year in which he attained his majority. He has been continuously connected with the Times throughout the intervening period of forty years and is now editor and part owner of the paper, which has a large subscription and advertising patronage and is a bright, interesting journal, devoted to the dissemination of local and general news. Mr. Dyson is recognized as one of the best newspaper writers in Illinois, and under his progressive management the Rushville Times has sponsored all movements looking toward advancement, reform and improvement, independent of political affiliation. He was a member of the board of education in Rushville for eight years, beginning in 1907, and served on the democratic county central committee from 1898 until 1914. He was appointed surveyor of Schuyler county on the 13th of December, 1907, and on the 1st of July, 1914, received appointment as postmaster, thus serving until his resignation on July 1, 1922. For twenty-nine years he was the official U. S. weather observer for Schuyler county, keeping a complete set of records. Mr. Dyson is thoroughly familiar with the history of Schuyler county and the state of Illinois, and is the author of a history of the county which was published in 1908 and he also wrote *Local Reminiscences of Lincoln*. He has been a member of the State Historical Society for a quarter of a century. He aided in the organization of the Boy Scouts in 1912 and served as scout master. With work as his hobby, he has been tireless in his efforts for civic welfare as well as for individual advancement and has manifested a sincere and kindly interest in his fellowmen that has gained him the friendship and warm regard of all who know him. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal Church.

On the 24th of March, 1898, in St. Louis, Missouri, Howard F. Dyson was married to Miss Alice Mary Deacon, of Eastbourne, England, who, like her husband, is a democrat in her



political views and is a devoted member of the Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Dyson are the parents of a son, Edwin Arthur, and two daughters, Dorothy May and Marjory Grace. Dorothy May Dyson, born September 5, 1900, is a graduate of the Rushville high school and also of Knox College, Galesburg, having received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the latter institution. She is a member of Pi Beta Phi and was a high school teacher for five years and later entered upon a business career in Chicago. Her religious faith is indicated by her membership in the Episcopal Church. Marjory Grace Dyson, born March 5, 1902, is a graduate of the Rushville high school and also of Oberlin College, Ohio, and spent two years as a student at Knox College, where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She obtained her B. A. degree at Oberlin where she was also elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa for a scholarship. On the 2d of April, 1929, she married Edward E. Lyons, and she lives in Chicago with her husband and their son, Richard, born April 16, 1930. She is a member of the Episcopal Church.

Edwin Arthur Dyson, son of Howard F. and Alice Mary (Deacon) Dyson, was born in Rushville, Illinois, July 11, 1899, and was graduated from the Rushville high school in 1917. He was chosen president of the senior class and was also editor of the high school paper, *Echo*. His studies were continued at the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1921. During his college days he was a member of the officers training camp in 1918, became a member and president of the Illinois Chapter of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and worked on the university publication *Illini*. On the 21st of June, 1921, he became associated with his father in the publication of the *Rushville Times*, of which he is now business manager. He is a democrat in his political views and is active in civic affairs. He is a member and past president of the Community Club, past president and secretary of the 22 Club and secretary of the Scripps Golf Club. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal Church, to which he belongs, and fraternally he is identified with the Masons, being a past commander of Rushville Commandery, No. 56, Knights Templar. He is very fond of hunting and fishing and other outdoor sports.

On the 24th of June, 1930, Edwin A. Dyson was married to Margaret Lucile Morgan, who was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, August 8, 1901, her parents being Walter Piety and Effie Jane (Elliot) Morgan. She was graduated in 1920 from the Western Illinois State Teachers College at Macomb, of which her father is president, and in 1921 was graduated from the University of Chicago with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. Later she attended the Teachers College of Columbia University in New York, from which she graduated in 1926 with the degree of Master of Arts. She has also been a student at the Art Institute of Chicago and prior to her marriage successfully followed the profession of teaching, being an instructor in the Rock Island high school from 1922 to 1925 and having also taught at the teachers college in Fredonia, New York, and Greeley, Colorado. She is a republican in politics, belongs to P. E. O. Sisterhood and to the Esoteric Club of the University of Chicago and has membership in the Christian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Dyson have a daughter Nancy Jane, born June 30, 1931, and they reside in Rushville, Illinois.

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### THOMAS VERNON BRIGGS

Selecting a vocation well suited to his capacities and powers, Thomas Vernon Briggs has rapidly advanced therein and at the age of twenty-nine years is acceptably filling the important office of state's attorney of Brown county. Born in Mount Sterling, Illinois, February 1, 1902, he is a son of Oliver T. Briggs and a grandson of Moses H. Briggs, who removed to Brown county, this state, from South Carolina in an early day.

Oliver T. Briggs was born on the home farm in Brown county September 13, 1869, and there acquired his rudimentary education. Attracted to the legal profession, he pursued his studies in the Wesleyan University at Bloomington, Illinois, where he received the degree of LL. B., and was admitted to the bar. In Bloomington he entered upon his career as an attorney but soon afterward located in Mount Sterling and here engaged in general practice throughout the remainder of his life, successfully hand-

ling much of the important litigation tried in the courts of this district. On the democratic ticket he was elected state's attorney of Brown county, making a record which led to his retention in the office for three terms, and he also did creditable work as master in chancery. He upheld the dignity and honor of his profession and was a valued member of the Illinois Bar Association and the American Bar Association. A Scottish Rite Mason, he belonged to the consistory at Quincy, and was also identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. Before entering upon the practice of law Mr. Briggs had engaged in farming in Brown county and was acquainted with practically everyone living within its borders. By nature he was modest, sincere and companionable and won the esteem and confidence of all who knew him. His wife, Flora E. (Perry) Briggs, a daughter of Oliver H. and Martha C. (McMillan) Perry, was born May 10, 1868, and long held membership in the Christian Church. She departed this life June 15, 1919, while her husband passed away July 21, 1926, and both were laid to rest in the cemetery at Mount Sterling. They are survived by two children: Thomas Vernon; and Wayne K., who was born October 23, 1906, and resides in Quincy, Illinois.

While attending the high school at Mount Sterling, Vernon Briggs was a member of its basketball and track teams and president of both the junior and senior classes. He was graduated in June, 1920, and in the fall of that year matriculated in the University of Michigan, which conferred upon him the degree of LL. B. in 1926. While at Ann Arbor he joined the Cook Lawyers Club and was secretary of the students association controlling that club. Since his admission to the bar Mr. Briggs has engaged in general practice at Mount Sterling, manifesting keen sagacity in coping with the intricacies of the law, and is accorded a liberal clientele. He was appointed city attorney of Mount Sterling, acting in that capacity in 1927 and 1928, and in the latter year was elected state's attorney for Brown county on the democratic ticket. Like his father, he has displayed marked ability as a public prosecutor, following a course which has won for him strong commendation and has also enhanced his professional prestige.



Mr. Briggs was married May 18, 1928, to Miss Hazel M. Curran, who was born October 17, 1902, a daughter of Clarence and Nola (Vandeventer) Curran and also a member of one of the old families of Brown county. In 1920 Mrs. Briggs was graduated from the high school at Versailles, Illinois, afterward winning the degree of Bachelor of Education from the Western Illinois State Normal at Macomb, and prior to her marriage taught at Monticello and Decatur, Illinois. She now has a daughter, Joan, born September 22, 1930.

Mr. and Mrs. Briggs are members of the Christian Church and interested in everything pertaining to the advancement of their community along material, moral and cultural lines. Mr. Briggs is a member of the library board and an untiring civic worker. Fraternally he is a Mason, identified with Mount Sterling Lodge, No. 44, A. F & A. M., of which he is senior warden, and has taken the thirty-second degree in the consistory at Quincy. His professional affiliations are with the Illinois Bar Association and the American Bar Association. For relaxation he turns to the raising of poultry, and fishing and hunting are his favorite sports. When he has the leisure he also plays golf and thus keeps fit for his legal work, for which his best efforts are reserved. He has accomplished much for one of his years and worthily sustains the traditions of the family.

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### ROBERT G. SMITH

Devoting his life to the acquisition and dissemination of useful knowledge, Robert G. Smith is well qualified by reason of his experience and ability for the superintendency of the Rushville Union schools, which have been under his capable direction since 1921. He was born in Carrollton, Greene county, Illinois, February 7, 1886, a son of Robert B. Smith, who was a native of Knoxville, Tennessee, born April 12, 1838. The father supplemented his public school training by a two years' course in a Tennessee college and engaged in teaching for two years. Leaving the south when a young man, he journeyed to Illinois and about 1860 settled in Greene county. He acquired a tract of

land in the vicinity of Carrollton and there followed the occupation of farming for many years, bringing his place to a high state of development. His life was guided by the teachings of the Baptist Church and in politics he was a republican. He was a broad-minded man of high civic standards and while serving on the school board materially influenced the progress of education in his district. He departed this life in March, 1893, and his remains were interred in Providence Cemetery near Carrollton.

In young manhood Robert B. Smith had married Mary Virginia Redding, who was born in Greene county, this state, October 12, 1847, a daughter of the Rev. Isaac and Nancy (Huitt) Redding. The father was a Baptist minister and removed to Illinois from Missouri at an early period in the development of this region. His daughter, Mrs. Smith, long survived her husband, passing away August 17, 1917, and was also laid to rest in the Providence Cemetery. They were the parents of nine children: Robert G.; Mabel, who was born August 13, 1871, and died in 1911; Charles W., who was born December 19, 1872, and is principal of the Washington School at Decatur, Illinois; Ada R., who was born November 26, 1874, and is a supervisor in the public schools of Granite City, Illinois; Luther T., who was born April 25, 1877, and is head of the commercial department of the Lakeview high school in Chicago and a member of the Illinois bar; Frank R., who was born January 24, 1880, and is a salesman for the Hood Rubber Company and a resident of Urbana, Illinois; Myrtle, who was born March 3, 1881, and is now the wife of Fred Vertrees, of Beaumont, Texas; Elmer J., who was born March 18, 1882, and conducts a clothing store in Trenton, Missouri; and Mrs. Leorva V. Stevens, of Granite City, Illinois.

Robert G. Smith graduated from the Carrollton high school in 1905 and while a pupil there was greatly interested in all the athletic activities and was prominent in football and track. Desirous of becoming an instructor, he attended the Illinois State Normal University at Bloomington, for two years and then engaged in teaching. He was principal of the high school at White Hall, Illinois, for four years, at the end of which time he was

made superintendent of schools, and remained there until 1921, when he became superintendent of the union schools at Rushville. In the intervening period of ten years Mr. Smith has done much constructive work, introducing new and improved methods of instruction and materially advancing the standards of education in this district. He has tact, initiative and the requisite executive force and is popular with the teachers and pupils under his charge, communicating to them his zeal and enthusiasm for the work. By attendance at the summer school of the University of Chicago he furthered his educational qualifications. He usually devoted a part of his summer vacation to special Chautauqua work. By nature he is energetic and studious and is particularly interested in history and political science.

On the 22d of August, 1911, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Ethel Gardiner, who was born March 21, 1886, a daughter of Christopher C. and Matilda (Witt) Gardiner, of Kane, Greene county, Illinois. Mrs. Smith attended the grammar and high schools of that town and Lindenwood College at St. Charles, Missouri. She is an accomplished pianist and taught music for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have a daughter, Harriett Gardiner, who was born September 29, 1912, and in 1930 was graduated with honors from the Rushville high school. She is now a student at De Pauw University of Indiana.

The family reside in Rushville in an attractive home owned by Mr. Smith, who is also interested in Texas farm lands. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and to the Masonic lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine. Mrs. Smith is connected with the Eastern Star and the Woman's Federated Club of Rushville. Like her husband, she is a Baptist in religious faith but due to the fact that there is no church of that denomination in Rushville, they attend services at the Presbyterian Church. They are adherents of the republican party and Mr. Smith was a presidential elector in 1928 on the republican ticket from the fifteenth congressional district of Illinois. He has visited many parts of the United States and derives much enjoyment from traveling. He belongs to the Scripps Golf Club, the 22 Club of Rushville, and to the Rushville Community Club, which he aided in organizing, becoming its first president. He is



serving on the Rushville library board and his support can always be counted upon in the furtherance of public projects of worth. Impelled by high ideals of service, Mr. Smith keeps in touch with the most advanced thought of the day in regard to the control and management of public schools and is numbered among the progressive members of the National Principals Association and the National Education Association.

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### ROBERT C. FULLENWEIDER, M. D.

The late Dr. Robert C. Fullenweider, whose death occurred August 10, 1928, held a prominent position among the people of La Salle, where he engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery for more than a quarter of a century. During this period he labored untiringly and successfully to alleviate human suffering and prolong life and was widely recognized as possessing more than ordinary ability and skill.

Dr. Fullenweider was born in Waveland, Montgomery county, Indiana, on the 26th of June, 1870, and was a son of John and Mary Fullenweider. He obtained his early education in the public and high schools of Heyworth, McLean county, Illinois, after which he entered Illinois Wesleyan University, at Bloomington, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Having determined to devote his life to the practice of medicine, he matriculated in Rush Medical College, in Chicago, from which institution he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1896. He also took a special course in gynecology and obstetrics at Rush. He served his internship in the Post Graduate Hospital of Chicago, and then spent four years in the private practice of his profession there. In 1902 the Doctor came to La Salle, where he soon found himself in command of a gratifying practice, and from that time until his death he was numbered among the leading and successful physicians and surgeons of this locality.

On October 26, 1898, Dr. Fullenweider was united in marriage to Miss Grace Ward, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ward, of Darlington, Wisconsin. They became the parents of



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a daughter, Mary B. She is a graduate of the Rockford (Ill.) Women's College, is now the wife of Clarence B. Elliott, of La Salle, and is very popular in social circles. Mrs. Fullenweider proved a helpmate to her husband in the fullest sense of the term and much of his success was due to her encouragement and her gracious and tactful manner. Doctor Fullenweider was a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the La Salle Rotary Club, the Manufacturers Club and the Peru and Deer Park Country Clubs, while professionally, he was affiliated with the Tri-City Medical Society, the La Salle County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He was a member and for seventeen years a trustee of the First Congregational Church.

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### WILLIAM SWORDS

One of the leading excavating and wrecking contractors in the northern part of the Illinois River Valley is William Swords, of Peoria, whose operations, covering a period of over a quarter of a century, have been crowned with a splendid measure of success. He was born in Limestone township, Peoria county, Illinois, on the 8th of February, 1881, and is a son of William A. and Clara J. (Stevens) Swords. The grandfather, William Swords, was a native of Indiana, whence he came to Peoria county in a covered wagon and became one of the pioneer farmers of Limestone township, Peoria county, where he developed a fine farm. In early life, while still living in Indiana, he was engaged in a mercantile business in Indianapolis. He was a democrat in politics. His wife Sarah also was a native of Indiana. Their son, William A., was born in December, 1853, on the Swords homestead farm in Limestone township, four miles from Peoria, where his death occurred on February 22, 1915. He was an excavating contractor and the owner of a stone quarry. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Peoria and gave his political support to the democratic party. Clara J. (Stevens) Swords was born in Limestone township, a daughter of the late William Stevens, and is now living in Peoria. To

William A. and Clara J. Swords were born thirteen children, ten sons and three daughters, all of whom are living, and of whom William, of this review, is the eldest.

William Swords attended the public schools, the Bradley Polytechnic Institute and Brown's Business College, in Peoria. His first work was driving a team for his father, and he later served as foreman at the stone quarry which was owned by his father. At the time of his marriage, when nineteen years old, he engaged in business on his own account as an excavating contractor and did general teaming, which he has continued to the present time with marked success. He also does a general wrecking business, having his yard in East Peoria, and at one time was in the building material and retail coal business. For ten years he was president, and for three years manager, of the Peoria Washed Sand and Gravel Company. He is proprietor of the New National Hotel, at 217-223 North Jefferson avenue. This building, which was at one time the home of Col. Robert G. Ingersoll for a few years, was remodeled by Mr. Swords in 1918, five stories, of fireproof construction, being added in the rear. In 1927 he erected a modern, fireproof building at 211-217 North Adams street, which he still owns and which is occupied by Thoma Brothers' bowling alleys, the National Garage occupying the first floor and basement. Mr. Swords also has large real estate holdings in East Peoria and was one of the first to develop the low grounds in that locality. He with George J. and Valentine Jobst recently purchased one hundred and twelve acres of land opposite Main street, Peoria, which fronts one-fourth of a mile on the river and runs back three-quarters of a mile to route eight. This property they expect to develop for industrial purposes, and they are planning an inland harbor, three hundred feet wide and one-half mile long, which will provide adequate facilities for the loading and unloading of merchant vessels.

On April 24, 1900, in Limestone township, Mr. Swords was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Booth, a native of that locality and a daughter of the late Walter Booth, who was a successful farmer and was also engaged in the livery business. Mrs. Swords was educated in the public schools of Limestone township and is a woman of splendid personal qualities, being

very popular in her community. To Mr. and Mrs. Swords have been born two children, Mary Estella, who died at the age of one year, and Clara Jane, born on June 29, 1910, who graduated from the Peoria high school and is now a student in the Bradley Polytechnic Institute. She is fond of and has taken training in athletics.

Mr. Swords is aligned with the republican party and he and his wife are members of the First Baptist Church, of which he is a trustee. He also belongs to Peoria Lodge, No. 20, B. P. O. E.; the Knights of the Maccabees; the Creve Coeur Club; the Peoria Hunting Club; the Chamber of Commerce, of which he was a member of the industrial board for one year, and other civic organizations. He is fond of hunting and fishing, and greatly enjoys motoring, having toured this country very extensively. He has achieved a worthy success and has contributed to the development of Peoria's industrial prosperity, so that he is regarded as one of its progressive, constructive and enterprising citizens.

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### OSCAR LOUIS DITTMER

Oscar Louis Dittmer had the advantage of an early start in the educational field, which he entered at the age of nineteen years, and in 1931 was called to his present position—that of superintendent of the Mount Sterling schools. He was born near Coatsburg, in Adams county, Illinois, September 11, 1898, a son of Charles F. Dittmer and a grandson of John Dittmer, who came to this country from Germany in the early '40s, settling in western Illinois. He developed a farm in Adams county and upon that place his son, Charles F. Dittmer, was born January 12, 1873. In the pioneer schools of that district he pursued his studies and has always followed agricultural pursuits. Experience and study have taught him the best methods of tilling the land and his fertile fields yield abundant harvests. In religious faith he is a Lutheran and his political allegiance is given to the democratic party. He is an influential man in his district and has served as township assessor and also as a member of the



school board. He was married December 30, 1896, to Clara M. Gunther, a daughter of Louis Gunther and also a native of Adams county. Of German origin, the family was established here in an early day and Dr. Julius Gunther, a brother of Louis Gunther, was one of the pioneer physicians of Adams county. Mrs. Dittmer is active in the work of the Lutheran Church and also in the affairs of the Parent-Teacher Association of District 94, Adams county (Brushy School). She has become the mother of six children: Oscar Louis; Elda, who was born August 25, 1901, and is the wife of Harry La Ront, a prosperous farmer of Adams county; Russell, who was born April 18, 1904, and is a civil engineer, now located at Bagnell, Missouri; Edna, who was born May 21, 1907, and is employed as a stenographer in Quincy; Earl, who was born February 27, 1913, and is a senior in the high school at Camp Point, Illinois; and Rollie, born January 23, 1917.

Oscar L. Dittmer was a pupil in one of the rural schools of his native county and in 1917 completed a course in the Camp Point high school, early manifesting talent as a public speaker and debater. For three years he attended the Normal School at Macomb, Illinois, also teaching in country schools during that period. In 1920 he returned to Coatsburg as principal of the high school, remaining there for two years, and then enrolled in the Western Illinois Normal College at Macomb, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Education in 1925. After his graduation he went to Timewell, Brown county, Illinois, and was principal of the high school there for four years. In 1927 he came to Mount Sterling in a similar capacity and four years later assumed the duties of superintendent. He is experienced, capable and thorough and under his direction the schools of this district are maintained at a high standard.

Mr. Dittmer was married August 27, 1925, to Miss Helen Moore, who was born at Camp Point, December 19, 1903, and is a daughter of Sollis A. and Lucy (Ogle) Moore, who now live in Camp Point, having retired from the farm four years ago. Mrs. Dittmer was graduated from the Camp Point high school in 1922 and then attended the Normal College at Macomb for a year, afterward teaching in Adams county for a period of two years.

By her marriage she has become the mother of two children: Donald Charles, who was born October 17, 1927; and Claire Lou, born July 8, 1930.

Mr. and Mrs. Dittmer are both very popular among the students and patrons of the Mount Sterling grammar and high schools. They are active members of the Methodist Church and Mr. Dittmer is a teacher in its Sunday school. A Royal Arch Mason, he is a past master of the lodge and a past high priest of the chapter at Camp Point and his wife belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star. For relaxation he turns to the occupation of gardening and his favorite sports are hunting and fishing. His college fraternity is Kappa Delta Pi and he is also a member of the Brown County Teachers Association, the Illinois State Teachers Association and the National Education Association. Utilizing every opportunity to perfect himself in his work, Mr. Dittmer has steadily broadened his field of usefulness and is a progressive educator of high standing.

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### MOUNT STERLING PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Mount Sterling Public Library has three thousand, eight hundred and sixty-eight volumes, comprising two thousand five hundred and nine books for adults and one thousand, three hundred and fifty-nine for juveniles. The total circulation for 1930 was nineteen thousand, three hundred and fifty volumes. The library takes thirty-six leading magazines and periodicals. It has all new and modern reference books and is adding new books each year. During 1930 two hundred and forty-two new volumes were added. Since 1915 this has been a city library, which is now supported by a city tax and has a free circulation over the entire county. The library has been housed in a leased building on the main street of Mount Sterling since 1915.

The officers of the library are: A. A. Curry, president; Vernon Briggs, vice president; and Laura Barlow, secretary. Associated with them on the board are C. T. Taylor, Mrs. W. B. Davis, Mrs. G. A. Moody, Theodore Brandt, Mrs. N. J. Stephenson, Mrs. R. C. McGann and Mrs. Julia A. Clark.

There has been a general increase in the volume and circulation for years and the people of the town appreciate and support the library. It is used extensively by the schools and whenever it is in need of funds plays are given to help pay its expenses.

Mrs. Julia Anna Clark, the librarian, was born in Metamora, Woodford county, Illinois, January 23, 1869, a daughter of Mathew Tool, who came to Illinois from Virginia and engaged in the milling business in Metamora, this state. Julia Anna Tool completed a course in the Metamora high school in 1886 and is also a graduate of the school of music of the Wesleyan University at Bloomington, Illinois. She taught music in the latter institution and also in Chaddock College at Quincy, Illinois.

On the 18th of August, 1896, Miss Tool was married to the Rev. Abner Clark, a Methodist minister, and they became the parents of two children: Francis M., who was born September 26, 1900, and is now an instructor in the University of Illinois; and Lewis A., who was born February 18, 1906, and lives in Brown county, this state.

Mrs. Clark came to Mount Sterling in 1920 and is rendering valuable service to the community through the efficient discharge of her duties as librarian. In musical circles she has also won an enviable place and her well directed labors have constituted a potent force for cultural growth and advancement. She votes with the republican party and is an active member of the Methodist Church.

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### JAMES A. LASHMETT

James A. Lashmett, one of Rushville's aggressive young business men, is capably managing the affairs of the Lashmett Furniture Company, one of the foremost mercantile concerns of this locality. He was born October 10, 1905, in the town where he still resides, and is a son of Andrew J. Lashmett. The grandfather, John Lashmett, came to Illinois from Virginia, his native state, where his forbears had settled early in the seventeenth century. His wife, Lucretia (Rucker) Lashmett, was born near Lexington, Kentucky, and both were of French origin.



Andrew J. Lashmett was born in Schuyler county, Illinois, in 1864 and pursued his education in the district school near his home. Leaving the farm in 1891, he removed to Rushville and opened a music store, of which he was the proprietor for four years. He then became a traveling salesman for a music house in Burlington, Iowa, filling the position for two years, and on the expiration of that period returned to Rushville. Here he again became a dealer in musical instruments, later purchasing a stock of furniture, and year by year the business has grown until this is now the largest furniture store in Schuyler county. For a time he and his wife conducted an undertaking establishment and in 1909 secured the local agency for the Ford cars, which he handled until 1921, when he sold the business to Messrs. Park and Dill, who are still the owners. A shrewd, farsighted business man, Mr. Lashmett prospered in all of his ventures and in the upbuilding of his interests he contributed materially toward the growth and progress of his town. He is one of the influential members of the Rushville Community Club and a forceful factor in the local councils of the democratic party. He served on the board of township supervisors, was alderman of the second ward, and in 1907 was elected mayor of Rushville, to which he gave an efficient, businesslike administration, productive of beneficial results. He is the owner of a desirable home and has other property here. He was married January 15, 1902, in Virden, Macoupin county, Illinois, to Miss Rose Cowan, who is a member of the Woman's Club of Rushville. She is a great social leader of the town.

Their son, James A. Lashmett, was reared and educated in his native town, completing his high school course in 1926, and was a member of the student council and cheer leader of his class. After his graduation he went to Chicago, obtaining a situation with Winchester & Simmons, and was with the firm for a year. As an employe he was identified with Lynch Clarisey Oil Company until 1930, when he returned to Rushville to take charge of his father's furniture store, and is successfully managing this extensive business, which is conducted under the style of Lashmett & Son Furniture. This well known house has steadfastly adhered to a high standard of commercial ethics and bears

an enviable reputation for business integrity, reliability and enterprise.

On the 8th of March, 1930, James A. Lashmett was married to Miss Marguerite I. Perrine, who was born in Hurst, Williamson county, Illinois, March 18, 1908, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cass C. Perrine. Mr. Perrine was born near Herrin, Illinois, May 15, 1883, and died June 12, 1921. At the time of his death he was serving as city water commissioner at Herrin. The mother was Miss Meda Russell, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell of Blairsville, Illinois, and was born December 18, 1887. Since the death of her husband she has been engaged in beauty culture work at St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. Lashmett's public school education was acquired at Hurst, and after attending Hardin College in Missouri she taught in Herrin for two years, while for one year she was an instructor at Blue Island, Illinois. She is an accomplished pianist, also possessing a pleasing, well trained voice, and Mr. Lashmett's father likewise has musical talent, formerly playing the violin with skill. In the social life of Rushville, as well as in business affairs, the family has long figured prominently and Mrs. James A. Lashmett is a member of the Woman's Club. Like her husband, she manifests a helpful interest in civic affairs and is serving on the park board. She votes with the republican party. Mr. Lashmett has membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Formerly he was identified with De Molay Commandery, a Masonic organization composed of boys and young men. Both he and his wife play tennis and golf, deriving keen enjoyment from healthful outdoor sports, and their fine qualities of heart and mind have drawn to them a wide circle of warm friends.

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#### WALTER E. MAY

One of the prominent members of business circles in Peoria is Walter E. May, vice president of the Peoria Life Insurance Company, with which he has been identified for the past ten years. Born in Peoria on the 10th of May, 1899, he is a son of Emmet C. and Ella (O'Hara) May. His paternal great-grand-

parents were Caleb and Sarah (Pelfrey) May, both of whom were natives of Virginia and died in Salyersville, Kentucky, where Mr. May had followed farming. Among their children was Dr. William A. May, who was born at Salyersville, on September 11, 1850, and is still engaged in the practice of medicine there. His wife was born in Chillicothe, Illinois, on September 12, 1849, and died in Salyersville, on August 20, 1913. They were the parents of Emmet C. May, who was born at Salyersville on October 5, 1875, and is now living in Peoria, where he has long been prominent in business affairs of importance. He graduated from Northern Indiana University, at Valparaiso, in 1895, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and two years later received from that institution the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In 1897 he was admitted to the Illinois bar and practiced his profession until 1912. In 1908 he organized the Peoria Life Insurance Company, of which he was vice president and counsel until 1912, when he was elected president, in which position he has served to the present time. He was also one of the organizers of the Bank of Peoria and has served as president since its inception. He is president of the Pere Marquette Hotel Company and is actively interested in other business organizations. His wife, Ella (O'Hara) May, was born in Chenoa, Illinois, and is a daughter of the late Patrick O'Hara, of that place.

Walter E. May attended the public schools of Peoria, graduating from high school in 1918, after which he attended the University of Michigan two years. He then entered the Peoria Life Insurance Company as a clerk, and by faithful and efficient service was advanced through various positions until he is now a vice president and director of the company. He is also treasurer and a director of the Pere Marquette Hotel Company of Peoria and a director of the Bank of Peoria and the Home Savings and State Bank of Peoria.

On November 12, 1923, in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. May was united in marriage to Iona A. Loucks, who was born in Sandwich, and is a daughter of Henry and Lila (Quilhat) Loucks. Her father, who was a native of New York state and died in Peoria, was vice president of the Peoria Life Insurance Company. The mother, who was born in Sandwich, is now living in



Peoria. Mrs. May graduated from the Peoria high school and is a member of the First Congregational Church.

Mr. May is independent in his political attitude and views, and his religious connection is with the Roman Catholic Church. He belongs to the Creve Coeur Club, the Peoria Country Club and the Association of Commerce. He has had a splendid business record, is greatly esteemed by his associates and is contributing to the success of the Peoria Life Insurance Company.

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### PHILO B. MILES

Philo B. Miles, widely recognized as one of Peoria's leading and most venerable citizens, is president of the firm of P. B. & C. C. Miles, continuously engaged in the grain business during the past fifty-five years, and thus he is at the head of the oldest enterprise in the country in which the original partners are still active. Born in Washington, Tazewell county, Illinois, December 12, 1849, he has passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey. His parents were Benjamin Eustis and Jane Martin (Crane) Miles, both of whom were natives of Ohio, the former born in Athens in October, 1818, and the latter born in Putnam (now Zanesville). The American progenitor of the family was John Miles, a native of Wales, who settled in Concord, Massachusetts, about 1635. He was well educated, was a blacksmith by trade and was successful as a farmer, becoming the owner of four hundred and eighty-nine acres of land. Among his descendants was Captain Benjamin Miles, the great-grandfather of Philo B. Miles of this review, who was an officer in the Revolutionary war and took part in the battles of Lexington and Concord Bridge. Captain Benjamin Miles was a native of Rutland, Massachusetts, and became a pioneer agriculturist of Ohio, coming there with General Rufus Putnam. He married Hannah Buckminster and their son, Joseph Buckminster Miles, the grandfather of Philo B. Miles, was born in Rutland, Massachusetts, in 1781. The latter became an early settler of Illinois and here developed a good farm, his death occurring in Washington, Illinois, in August, 1860. He married Elizabeth Buckingham, a native of Ohio, in which state she died.



PHILO B. MILES





Benjamin Eustis Miles, son of Joseph Buckminster and Elizabeth (Buckingham) Miles, left his native state of Ohio to locate in Washington, Illinois, in 1843, and there passed away in June, 1878, when fifty-nine years of age. He gained a gratifying measure of prosperity as a miller and grain merchant of Washington, Illinois, owning both a flour mill and grain elevator. Originally a whig, he later joined the ranks of the republican party, while in religious faith he was a Presbyterian. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Jane Martin Crane, took up her abode in Washington, Illinois, about 1845, and there died December 5, 1879, when fifty-two years of age.

Reared under the parental roof, Philo B. Miles acquired his education at the place of his nativity and early in life became familiar with the grain business through the assistance which he gave his father in its conduct. He was a young man of about twenty-five years when in 1875, in association with his brother, Charles Crane Miles, he organized the firm of P. B. & C. C. Miles for the conduct of a general grain business in Peoria, where he has since continued active in that field. His record as president of a grain firm through a period of fifty-five years is unique in the United states and is one of which he may well be proud. The Miles brothers have long enjoyed an unassailable reputation for fair dealing in all of their business transactions and their efforts have been attended with a gratifying and well deserved measure of success. In the early days they made extensive purchases of farm land in eastern Illinois, growing great quantities of hay and grain, and with the passing years their holdings have become very valuable.

On the 6th of March, 1873, Philo B. Miles was united in marriage to Miss Maria H. Wrenn, who was born in Washington, Illinois, June 19, 1850. Her father, Wade T. Wrenn, was a native of Virginia who followed the occupation of farming and passed away in Washington, Illinois. William Smith Miles, son of Philo B. and Maria H. (Wrenn) Miles, was a member of the grain firm of P. B. & C. C. Miles and is mentioned at length on another page of this work.

Philo B. Miles gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has never withheld his support from any movement or

measure calculated to promote community advancement. In fact, it is generally known that the influence and aid of the Miles brothers can be counted upon in behalf of any project tending toward civic or moral progress. Philo B. Miles served as president of the Board of Trade in 1883 and mayor of Peoria from 1893 until 1895, giving to the city a progressive and businesslike administration characterized by many measures of reform and improvement. Public improvements such as street paving largely received their impetus through his efforts and it was he who first brought about the closing of Peoria's saloons on Sunday. He was a member of the board of education when in 1907 the school superintendent absconded with the school funds, and at that time Mr. Miles was made president of the board. He has long held membership in the Second Presbyterian Church, of which he is an elder, and also is a member of the Creve Coeur Club and the Country Club. His has been a long, useful and honorable life and no history of the Illinois River Valley would be complete without a review of his career.

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### MOUNT STERLING SCHOOLS

The first schoolhouse in Brown county was built in 1832. Located in section 21, it was of logs and no nails were used in its construction. James Alexander, the first instructor, taught there during 1832 and in 1833 Jonathan Billings took charge of the school. George Harker, the first surveyor of Brown county, taught the third school. Educational work in Mount Sterling was started in 1834 in a log residence in the northeast corner of section 17, with Samuel Weir as the first teacher. The first school built in Mount Sterling was made of logs and stood just east of the courthouse square. It was built in 1836 and John Taylor, its first teacher, had charge of this school for several years. In 1848 a stock company here erected a brick academy at a cost of about two thousand dollars. As a private school this was conducted for a few years at a loss, after which the building was used for a grade school for a time. As the population increased several buildings were used until 1865, when a brick

structure was erected, and in 1873 it was enlarged at an outlay of twenty thousand dollars. In addition to grade work, this school provided a three years' course in high school. The first class was graduated in 1879. The brick school served until 1898, when a modern high school was constructed, but before occupancy it was destroyed by fire and rebuilt. This building is still used as a high school. Substantially built of brick, it has two stories above the basement. The building is heated by steam, lighted by electricity and has city water. The school draws its student body from seventy districts near Mount Sterling. It is free only to students from the Mount Sterling district. Tuition of others is paid out of the non-high tax funds by the county non-high board. The school has about one hundred and forty similar students annually and offers its pupils the regular four-year accredited course. Twenty-five per cent of its graduates attend higher schools.

The personnel of the school board is as follows: R. L. Webber, president; C. R. Brooks, secretary; G. A. Moody, Dr. O. N. Hurdle, R. N. Hodgson, H. T. Dean and George L. Brockman, members.

The school teaches home economics, vocational agriculture, physics, biology and general science and has modern laboratories. It has a half-time teacher of music who also gives instruction to grade pupils in both instrumental and vocal music. The school has an orchestra, a quartet of girls and two Glee Clubs, one composed of boys and the other of girls. The physical development of students is promoted by baseball, basket-ball and track work. The school has a well furnished, well equipped library. A new gymnasium was built in 1925. Of brick construction, it is strictly modern and seats nine hundred people. It is also used as an auditorium and community hall. The high school has a superintendent, a principal and eight teachers. The people of Mount Sterling believe in education and cooperate with the school and the school board. The old grade school building continued in use until 1911, when a modern two-story brick structure was erected at a cost of twenty-two thousand dollars. It is located on the site of the old school on So. Capitol avenue. Eight teachers are employed, including the principal, with an enroll-



ment of about two hundred and ten. The athletic grounds adjoining the school campus are spacious and are provided with a track for track work. The school and gymnasium are situated on beautiful grounds, landscaped and well cared for, surrounded by beautiful trees and shrubs and a velvety lawn also adds to the attractiveness of the institution.

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### NEAL DOW CRAWFORD, M. D.

Dr. Neal D. Crawford, who is engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at South Pekin, stands high in the confidence of the people of that community because of the splendid success which has attended his efforts to combat human ailments. He was born at Luverne, Minnesota, on the 20th day of January, 1895, and is a son of William Henry and Mattie A. (Myers) Crawford. His father was born in Waukegan, Illinois, and died in Luverne, Minnesota, on December 9, 1909. Early in life he was a farmer, but in later years ran a livery stable. He gave his political support to the republican party and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife was born at Fari-bault, Minnesota, and is a daughter of George and Mattie (Tilden) Myers. They formerly lived in Missouri, where Mr. Myers was engaged in farming. He was a veteran of the Civil war, and was wounded while in the service, carrying a bullet in his arm during the remainder of his life. He and his wife were born in Indiana and died in Missouri. Mrs. Myers now makes her home with her son, the Doctor, in South Pekin.

Neal D. Crawford attended the public schools of Luverne, graduating from high school in 1913, after which he was a student in Macalester College, at St. Paul, Minnesota, for two years. Later he attended the University of Chicago one year and completed his classical studies in the University of Illinois, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1919. He then matriculated in the medical school of his alma mater, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1923. He served for eighteen months as interne in the Cook County Hospital and for six months in the Municipal Hos-

pital for Contagious Diseases. He served for fourteen months as externe with the John Murphy Hospital, and six months with the Grant Hospital, both of Chicago. In July, 1923, Dr. Crawford came to South Pekin, Illinois, where he has practiced general medicine and surgery to the present time. He is devoted to his profession, of which he is a constant student, and is held in high regard by his professional colleagues.

Dr. Crawford is a member of the Tazewell County Medical Society, of which he is the secretary; the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the American Association of Railroad Surgeons, and the Chicago & Northwestern Surgical Association. He belongs to Empire Lodge, No. 126, A. F. & A. M.; the Irin Grotto, of Pekin; the American Legion; the Pekin Country Club; the Phi Beta Pi fraternity of the University of Illinois and is a charter member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity of the University of Chicago. He supports the republican party and his religious membership is with the Congregational Church. He is rendering excellent service as health officer of South Pekin. During the World war he was a member of the Enlisted Medical Reserve Corps and the Students Army Training Corps at the University of Illinois. Dr. Crawford has two brothers, William Henry, an automobile painter, of Long Beach, California, and Fred S., a machine shop foreman at Santa Ana, California, and two sisters, Mrs. Irving W. Cummings, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Mrs. J. Helgeson, of Luverne, Minnesota. The Doctor is a very busy man, but finds time to devote to the interests of his community, and he is one of its most popular men.

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### PHIL W. PROCTOR

Phil W. Proctor is doing valuable work as director of agriculture, under the Smith-Hughes act, for the Pittsfield school district. He began his education in the schools of Kearney, Nebraska, where he completed the high school course in 1912 and then spent one year as a student at the Nebraska State Teachers College of Kearney. He matriculated in the University of Ne-

braska in the fall of 1914 and was in his junior year when he left college to enter the military service of his country on the 22d of May, 1917. He was sent to the Great Lakes naval training station and was thence transferred to Philadelphia, where he was placed on a ship and sent to Cuba, being there stationed for eight months. He was honorably discharged in New York, May 22, 1919, as second class pharmacist's mate. Thereafter he spent a year on a ranch in Nebraska and in the fall of 1920 resumed his studies at the University of Nebraska, from which he was graduated in February, 1921, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. He was a member of the football, basket-ball and track teams while attending high school and also figured prominently in athletics during his college days, playing football on the varsity team in 1915 and 1916 and serving on the athletic board of the University of Nebraska. He also played football on the Great Lakes naval team in 1917. He is a member of the Greek letter society Phi Gamma Delta and of Alpha Tau Alpha, an agricultural educational fraternity. In 1921 he became identified with county extension work as club leader in Clay county, Nebraska, but at the end of eighteen months resigned this position to attend summer school at the University of Illinois in 1922. In the fall of that year he accepted a position as teacher of agriculture in the high school at Bellflower, Illinois, where he remained until the spring of 1928. During that period he was coach of the baseball and track teams and won the Wesleyan interscholastic championship in track one year and the county championship another year. Since the spring of 1928 he has been director of agriculture for the Pittsfield school district, working eleven months out of the year with one of the largest classes in the state. In addition to directing the agriculture in the high school, he directs project work in agriculture and stock raising, working with the students. This is one of the leading departments of the Pittsfield school district and has a well equipped farm shop. The members of Mr. Proctor's class are alert and progressive and themselves built the farm mechanics' shop. The class has membership in the Future Farmers Club, a national organization.

On the 8th of October, 1919, Mr. Proctor was united in marriage to Miss Grace Holman, a native of Tobias, Nebraska, and a



daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nate C. Holman. Her father is a merchant of Tobias, Nebraska, but her mother is deceased. Mrs. Proctor has two brothers and four sisters, one of whom was the wife of the late William Hershall Smith, head of the county agents of Illinois, who died in 1930. Dr. William Holman, consulting engineer at the University of Minnesota, is a brother of Mrs. Proctor, who also received excellent educational advantages. She pursued a high school course in Tobias, Nebraska, and was graduated from the University of Nebraska with the Bachelor of Arts degree. She was active in the teaching profession in North Platte and Fairbury, Nebraska, prior to her marriage and after becoming the wife of Phil W. Proctor taught for two years in Bellflower, Illinois. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, the American Legion auxiliary, the Eastern Star, the Methodist Church, the Fortnightly Club and the Study Club, being president of the last named. By her marriage she has one son, Phil Holman Proctor, born July 7, 1926.

Mr. Proctor is a member of the American Legion and the Lions Club and fraternally is affiliated with the Masons and the Eastern Star. He is keenly interested in athletics, is an ardent fisherman and loves the great out-of-doors. He possesses considerable artistic ability. Fond of travel, he has made tours in the tropics and all over the United States. Mr. Proctor's work is his hobby and his accomplishments as director of agriculture for the Pittsfield school district are outstanding. He finds pleasure in the reading of instructive literature and is partial to books on travel. His personal characteristics are such as have won him well deserved popularity, and he is numbered among the enterprising, progressive and prosperous citizens of his community.

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### JAMES WILLIAM WELCH, M. D.

With an inherent love and talent for the medical profession, Dr. James William Welch has developed his powers to the fullest extent and for more than two decades has practiced successfully in Cuba, his native town. Born August 7, 1884, he is a son of Dr. James Knox Welch and of Welsh descent. On coming to this

country his early ancestors settled in New York, later going as pioneers to Kentucky, where many members of the family still reside.

Dr. James Knox Welch was born in Nelson county, Kentucky, September 4, 1846, a son of James Knox Polk and Nancy (Sweasy) Welch, who came to Illinois from the Blue Grass state, settling in Blandinsville, McDonough county, where the grandfather of Dr. James W. Welch conducted an inn for a number of years. In his youth Dr. James Knox Welch was variously employed and while working in a leather shop at Blandinsville he was injured. He was sent to a hospital for treatment and while there he became interested in medicine. In preparation for a professional career he went to Keokuk, Iowa, where he enrolled as a student in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and after his graduation from that institution he returned to Illinois, opening an office in Cuba. Here he practiced throughout the remainder of his life, becoming recognized as one of the foremost representatives of his profession in the Illinois River Valley. He endured all of the hardships experienced by the pioneer doctor, making his way through the country on horseback, as there were few roads in the district during the early days, and in many instances his labors were performed gratuitously, for his patients were too poor to pay for medical treatment. Tireless, unselfish and kind-hearted, he did all in his power to alleviate the physical sufferings of humanity with no thought of material gain or of personal comfort in the exercise of his beneficent calling. He was very thorough in his work and for years was one of the main consultants of Fulton county and one of its leading physicians. During the Civil war he treated the eyes of Union soldiers in the discharge of his duties as a contract surgeon and afterward he was long a pension examiner for the United States government. In the organization of the Fulton County Medical Society he was one of the leading spirits and he was also identified with the Illinois State Medical Society. Fraternally he was connected with the Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and held office in both organizations. An earnest member of the Christian Church, he shaped his conduct by its teachings and politically he was a stalwart democrat. He enjoyed the sports of hunting and fishing but had few

opportunities for recreation, as his time was fully occupied. Appreciative of the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship, he rendered effective public service as a member of the board of county supervisors, as an alderman of Cuba and as a member of the school board. In educational projects he was particularly interested and advocated the building of schools and the maintenance of a high standard of instruction. His nobility of character endeared him to all who were brought within the sphere of his influence and his death on December 31, 1898, at the age of fifty-two years, occasioned deep and widespread regret.

In young manhood Dr. Welch had married Elizabeth E. Wilson, who was born near Cuba, in Fulton county, and attended the public schools of Cuba. She was an active member of the Christian Church and devoted to her family. Her father, William Wilson, came to Fulton county with his parents during the winter of the deep snow. They made the journey by wagon and one of the daughters was lost en route. She was found and cared for by a party of travelers but was very young and unable to give her name. For many years she remained separated from the family but was finally found in St. Louis by her brother. The family were early settlers in Illinois and the sons of William Wilson saw service in the Union Army during the Civil war. Mrs. Elizabeth E. (Wilson) Welch passed away at Lincoln, Illinois, March 12, 1919. She was the mother of five children: James William; Mamie C., who is serving as treasurer of Logan county, Illinois; Ethel, a teacher in the high school at Lincoln, this state; Alan R., a physician, who is connected with the Hertzler Clinic at Halstead, Kansas; and Dr. Roy C., deceased. The first wife of Dr. James Knox Welch was Lucinda Clayberg, who died when her daughters, Lucy and Margaret, were quite young. The former is now Mrs. Richard Inman, of Cuba, and the latter is the wife of Robert Hill, of Detroit.

Industrious and self-reliant, Dr. James W. Welch early began to contribute toward his support, earning money by shining shoes, delivering newspapers and peddling produce. Meanwhile he pursued his education and while attending high school he was a track athlete and also played football and baseball. He was a member of debating teams and during his sophomore year was president



of his class. In June, 1903, he was awarded his high school diploma and in the fall of the same year matriculated in St. Louis University, which conferred upon him the M. D. degree in 1907. After a year's connection with St. Mary's Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota, he located in Broadwell, Illinois, where he followed his profession for nine months, and in 1910 returned to Cuba. Here he has since remained, establishing a large general practice, and his knowledge, experience and ability have placed him with the leading physicians of this part of the state. He owns stock in the State Bank of Cuba and is one of its directors.

Dr. Welch was married April 22, 1914, to Miss Mary Clarissa Bennett, a daughter of Nicholas A. and Mary (Carey) Bennett. Her father came to this country from Wales and engaged in farming and coal mining in Fulton county, Illinois. Mrs. Welch was born in Bryant, Illinois, January 21, 1893, and attended the local schools. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children: James Knox (III), who was born February 7, 1915, and is in high school; and Mary Elizabeth, who was born December 8, 1918, and is attending grammar school.

Dr. Welch enjoys home life and many of his leisure hours are devoted to gardening. In Masonry he has taken the thirty-second degree and he also has fraternal relations with the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Red Men. Mrs. Welch has held office in the Eastern Star and is also identified with the T-Z Club and the Parent-Teacher Association. She is very active in 4-H Club work. She has a well trained voice of pleasing quality and is interested in music and in all movements for cultural advancement and civic betterment. She is an active member of the Christian Church and adheres to the political faith of her father, who was a stalwart republican. The Doctor is a democrat and has served on the board of aldermen. In many ways he has given tangible proof of his civic spirit and takes a special interest in the health of the school children of Cuba. During the epidemic of diphtheria, from 1920 to 1925, Dr. Welch led the campaign to exterminate the disease. After calling a meeting of the citizens he secured the necessary toxins from the state and with the assistance of another physician he arrested the spread of the epidemic. Cuba was ravaged by contagious diseases

but since that time no cases have been reported here. This is largely due to the vigilance and untiring efforts of Dr. Welch, who loves his profession for the good that it enables him to do. His knowledge and skill in fighting disease were donated to the town and for his effective service in behalf of Cuba's school children he was highly complimented by the county and state. He belongs to Alpha Chi Chapter of the Phi Delta medical fraternity, to the city board of health and to the Fulton County Medical Society, the Illinois Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Dr. Welch is examiner for one hundred and six life insurance companies.

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### WILLIAM DONALD McFADDEN

William D. McFadden is closely connected with the business affairs of Peoria as manager of the Beach Wickham Grain Company, with offices in the Board of Trade building, in which capacity he has shown ability and judgment of high order. He was born in Havana, Illinois, on the 19th of March, 1904, and is a son of G. C. and Sarah (Williamson) McFadden. The family has long been established in this country, the paternal great-grandfather having been George McFadden, who was a native and lifelong resident of New York state. He was the father of H. W. McFadden, who was born in the Empire state and subsequently moved to Havana, Illinois, where he became prominent in business affairs as a grain merchant, banker and extensive landowner. He was a whig in politics and served as county surveyor of Peoria county in 1840. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married a Miss Munson, who was also a native of New York state and died in Havana, Illinois. They became the parents of G. C. McFadden, who was born in Chillicothe, Illinois, July 14, 1860, and is now living in Peoria, where he is engaged in the grain business. He is a republican in politics and is an active member of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church. In early manhood G. C. McFadden married Miss Sarah Williamson, who was born in Kentucky, in 1875, and passed away in Peoria, Illinois, July 23, 1926. Her parents were Rev. W. F. and Mary (Coolidge) Wil-

liamson, the former a native of Kentucky who long filled the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church in Lewistown, Illinois, where his death occurred in 1906. The wife of Rev. Williamson, a relative of Calvin Coolidge, was born in Kentucky and died in Lewistown, Illinois.

William D. McFadden pursued his early education in the public schools of Peoria, Illinois, and graduated from Howe Military Academy, at Howe, Indiana, in 1922. He next attended Northwestern University, at Evanston, Illinois, for three and a half years, and on his return to Peoria became identified with the Beach Wickham Grain Company as manager.

On March 10, 1928, in Peoria, Mr. McFadden was united in marriage to Miss Virginia Miller, a native of Peoria and a daughter of Harry S. and Mabel (Peterson) Miller. Her father, a native and lifelong resident of Peoria, was a successful lawyer. He is survived by his widow, who is a native of Peoria and still resides in this city. Mrs. McFadden attended the Peoria public schools and graduated from the Gulf Park College at Gulfport, Mississippi, as well as from the King-Smith Studio School in Washington, D. C. The republican party receives Mr. McFadden's support and he and his wife are members of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church. Mr. McFadden is a member of the Peoria Country Club, the Peoria Board of Trade, and the Sigma Chi college fraternity. He is well known in business circles as a man of sound and conservative judgment, a splendid executive and a man of sterling qualities, which commend him to the favorable opinion of those who know him.

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### IRENE CRAWFORD

For eighteen years Irene Crawford has rendered important and valuable service to the residents of Barry in the capacity of city librarian and is also a successful business woman. She was born at Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, November 15, 1886, a daughter of John K. Crawford, who was a native of Perry, Illinois, born March 16, 1849. Coming to this country from Scotland, his for-



bears took up their abode in Virginia and were among the earliest settlers of Augusta county. In that county, in the year 1734, one of his ancestors aided in building a very beautiful stone church, which is still standing. His great-grandfather, John Crawford, was an officer in the Revolutionary war and his grandfather, Samuel Crawford, served his country throughout the War of 1812. James F. Crawford, an uncle of John K. Crawford, fought in the Civil war as a lieutenant in the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Regiment of Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Levi P. Crawford, another uncle, was a chaplain of the One Hundred and Fifth Regiment of Illinois Volunteer Infantry and after the Civil war became pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Pasadena. He occupied the pulpits of other churches in California and in the early days founded a number of churches in that state. John K. Crawford married Kate A. Edmonds, who was born at Payson, Illinois, November 1, 1854, and was of Scotch-Irish descent. Her mother, Caroline (Chapman) Edmonds, was one of the pioneer women of Illinois, having journeyed to this state from Ohio in 1828 with her parents and a few other families, forming a company of thirty-seven. They traveled in covered wagons, spending the first winter in St. Louis, and in the following spring settled on land which afterward became the town site of Quincy, Illinois. Two brothers of Caroline (Chapman) Edmonds served in the Civil war. One brother, Downing Chapman, joined an Illinois regiment and was with the Union forces. The other brother, having settled in Texas, enlisted in the Confederate Army. To John K. and Kate A. (Edmonds) Crawford were born four daughters: May, now the wife of Dr. W. W. Kuntz, and a resident of Barry, Illinois; Agnes, who is Mrs. W. G. Hunt, of Barry; and the Misses Rachel and Irene Crawford, who are also living in Barry.

During the early childhood of their daughter Irene, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford went to Kansas City, Kansas, and at the age of four years she was brought by her parents to Payson, Illinois, soon afterward removing with them to Barry. Here she attended the grammar and high schools and during the summer of 1916 took a short course in library training in the University of Illinois at Urbana. However, she had acquired practical experience in work of that nature before entering the state university and in

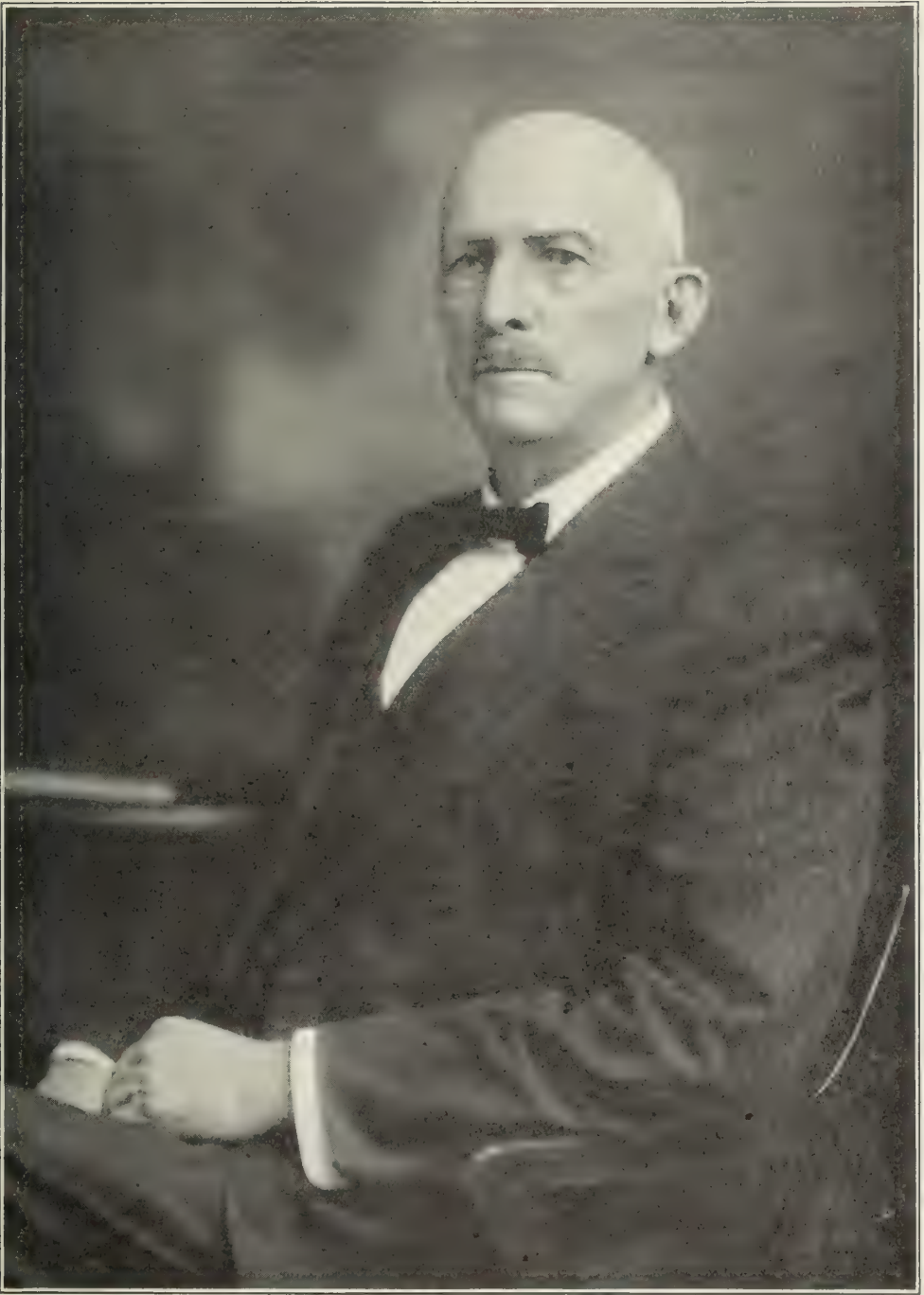
January, 1913, was made city librarian of Barry. That her efforts in this connection are thoroughly appreciated is indicated in her long retention in the office, for which she has exceptional qualifications, discharging her duties with marked ability. She is also a capable business woman and has written insurance since 1917.

Miss Crawford belongs to the Barry High School Alumni Association and to Pike Chapter, No. 20, of the Eastern Star of Illinois. Her political allegiance is given to the republican party and she has membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Barry. In all movements for the betterment of her community she is deeply interested and has labored untiringly and effectively to make the Barry public library an agency for culture and education and an indispensable public utility.

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### JOHN R. WHALEN

One of the oldest and best known building contracting firms in Peoria is that of the John R. Whalen Company, of which John R. Whalen is president and general manager. Mr. Whalen was born in Peoria on the 8th of November, 1856, and is a son of Thomas and Hanoria (Ryan) Whalen, both of whom were natives of County Kilkenny, Ireland. Thomas Whalen was born February 20, 1822, and was reared and educated in his native land. He and his wife emigrated to the United States soon after their marriage, the voyage across the Atlantic in a sailing vessel consuming three months. They landed at New Orleans and thence traveled up the Mississippi and Illinois rivers to Peoria, where they took up their permanent abode. For many years Thomas Whalen was connected with the Peoria meat packing firm of Tyng & Brotherson. He was a democrat in his political views and both he and his wife were communicants of St. Patrick's Church. He passed away November 16, 1871, and was survived for about three decades by Mrs. Whalen, who died in September, 1901. To this worthy couple were born eight children, as follows: Margaret, who was born in Ireland and died there in infancy; Mrs. Anastasia Cody, who was brought to this country from Ire-



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land by her parents and who died in Peoria in 1913; William, a native Peorian, who is custodian of the Knights of Columbus hall and resides in this city; Mrs. Mary Gorman, deceased; John R., of this review; James T., janitor of the Washington grade school in Peoria; Margaret, a resident of Peoria; and Edward, who died in 1883, when a youth of nineteen years.

John R. Whalen received his education in the public schools of Peoria and after putting aside his textbooks began learning the brick mason's trade in the employ of James Hazzard & Son. Following the completion of his apprenticeship with that firm he was employed by various contractors in Peoria until June, 1882, when he embarked in the general contracting business on his own account. He successfully carried on operations under his individual name until 1904, when the business was incorporated as the John R. Whalen Company, of which he has been president and general manager to the present time. Some of the more prominent structures which have been built by this concern are: the large seminary for young ladies now being erected for the Academy of Our Lady and to be known as the Edmund Dunne hall, at the corner of Madison and Jackson streets; the Knights of Columbus hall; St. Patrick's convent and school; distilleries, churches, fine residences and apartment houses. Mr. Whalen was the masonry contractor on the old building of the Young Men's Christian Association in 1890. He superintended the erection of the buildings of the Acme Harvester Company in Bartonville, Illinois, and the erection of the new city hall in Peoria. The types and quality of the buildings erected by this firm in Peoria and vicinity stand in indisputable evidence of the high character of its work and its dependability in the performance of its contracts, and it has long enjoyed the fullest measure of public confidence.

In February, 1879, in Peoria, Mr. Whalen was united in marriage to Miss Mary Cuddy, who was born in Queens county, Ireland, October 31, 1858, and passed away in Peoria on the 25th of February, 1927. To their union were born six children, namely: Nonia Catherine, who was born in November, 1879, and died in August, 1895, when a maiden of fifteen summers; Thomas Christopher, secretary and treasurer of the John R. Whalen Company; William T., who was born July 5, 1883, and died July 4,

1893; Celia Elizabeth, the wife of Henry J. Eynatten, of Kansas City, Missouri; Anastasia, who lives with her father at 810 Spencer avenue in Peoria; and John Michael, who served overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces and who is a foreman for the John R. Whalen Company and a member of the company.

Mr. Whalen is a staunch supporter of the democratic party and for two years served as building inspector under Mayors Bryan and Woodruff. He has membership in St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church and fraternally is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Modern Woodmen of America. For fifteen years he served as president of the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Society of St. Patrick's parish, which was organized by the Rev. Father Damien, September 23, 1873, at the close of a mission in this parish. The society remained in existence for thirty years and J. R. Whalen was the youngest member at the time of its organization and also the youngest member when it was disbanded. His interest in civic welfare is manifest by his membership in the Kiwanis Club and the Peoria Association of Commerce. He has ever stood for those things which are essential to the development and progress of the community and he commands the uniform respect of those who know him.

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### ESSIE MARIE YAKLEY

Essie Marie Yakley has been the capable young manager of the Pike County Abstract Company of Pittsfield since September 1, 1928. She was born November 15, 1902, a daughter of Frank and Margaret R. (Hulsman) Yakley, both of whom are natives of Pike county, Illinois, the former being a representative of a pioneer family of this part of the state. Frank Yakley devoted his attention to farming and gardening throughout his active career but for a number of years past has been an invalid. He still resides in Pittsfield, his native city. He joined the Lutheran Church and in politics became a supporter of the democratic party. His wife is also a democrat in her political views, while her religious faith is indicated by her membership in the Christian Church. She is devoted to her family and her friends, finds her greatest



happiness in home life and is a lover of flowers. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yakley are the parents of four children, three daughters and a son, namely: Essie Marie, of this review; Carrie May, a graduate of the Pittsfield high school, who is now the wife of Ray Risley, of Perry, Illinois; Helen Greye, who is also a graduate of the Pittsfield high school and is the wife of Clyde Main, of Nebo, Illinois; and Elmer William, of Pittsfield, Illinois.

Essie M. Yakley began her education in the public schools of Pittsfield and completed the high school course by graduation with the class of 1921, having specialized in commercial work. While still a student she had worked in the Pittsfield abstract office during vacation periods, and following her graduation in June, 1921, she became a full-time employe. Seven years later, on September 1, 1928, she was made manager of the Pike County Abstract Company, in which capacity she has continued to the present time. This is the only abstract company in Pike county, and in its conduct Miss Yakley has proved herself thoroughly qualified for the duties devolving upon her. She gives her political allegiance to the democratic party, and she is a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Christian Church. Among Miss Yakley's recreational interests may be mentioned her fondness for athletics, hunting and fishing and travel and her love of nature, particularly as manifested in flowers. She is a steady reader of instructive literature, finds much pleasure in social contacts and has an attractive personality which has won her many friends. She makes her home with her mother in Pittsfield.

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### PIKE COUNTY ABSTRACT COMPANY

The Pike County Abstract Company of Pittsfield was organized in 1882 by E. J. and L. A. Chamberlain, brothers, the former having been surveyor and civil engineer for the Sny Island levee and drainage district for a quarter of a century. L. A. Chamberlain sold his interest in the abstract company on the 8th of June, 1895. Sam L. Crane leased the business from E. J. Chamberlain and conducted it until April 11, 1901, when it was sold to Her-

bert S. Guy. The latter carried on the business until March 22, 1909, when he sold out to John G. Patton, who continued at its head until June 1, 1912, when Lucretia Lacy purchased the same and remained active in its conduct until August 28, 1921. It was left in trust to her sister, Mrs. Amanda J. Wright, for ten years, with L. S. Lacy as trustee. On the 1st of September, 1928, the abstract business was purchased by E. M. Spink, M. C. Hook and Mrs. Ellen Merrill, all of Jacksonville, and at that time Essie Marie Yakley of Pittsfield was made manager.

The Pike County Abstract Company is a corporation dealing exclusively in abstracts of title and is the only one of its kind in the county. It has a complete set of indices and records and handles all the abstract business of Pike county. The offices are located in the county courthouse and the three employes are: Miss Essie Marie Yakley, manager; Miss Helen Brew, assistant; and Miss Ruby Johnson, assistant.

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### MRS. ROSE H. BROOKS

Mrs. Rose H. Brooks, who is making a creditable record in the office of circuit clerk of Pike county, was born July 2, 1878, in Pittsfield, Illinois, where she still resides, her parents being William and Hanna (Dreckshage) Heck, both of whom were natives of Germany, the former born in January, 1833, and the latter in May, 1841. The father was a youth of eighteen years when he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and came direct to Pittsfield, Illinois, where he spent the remainder of his life. He had been foreman of a bake shop in Germany but in this country worked at the cooper's trade, being employed as foreman in the cooper shop of the King Milling Company at Pittsfield for more than fifty years. He was a man of unassailable integrity, industrious, thorough and painstaking in his work, and though his educational opportunities had been limited, he acquired a large fund of general information through reading and study. In politics he was a republican. William Heck was devoted to his home and his family and had an extensive circle of warm friends who deeply regretted his passing when death called him on the

15th of August, 1916. His widow, a devoted member of the Methodist Church, is still active at the advanced age of ninety years. Her life has centered around her home and her family, which numbered eleven children, as follows: Rose H., of this review; John Henry Heck, deceased; Mrs. Emma J. Kaeser, of Pittsfield, Illinois; Mrs. F. W. Niebur, of Pittsfield; Mrs. Edward Kaeser, of Pittsfield; Frank J. Heck, of Portland, Oregon; William Heck, deceased; Louis A. Heck, who has also passed away; Albert S. Heck, of Pittsfield; Miss Helen Heck, of Pittsfield; and Sam W. Heck, who is deceased.

Rose Heck pursued her education in the schools of Pittsfield, completing the high school course by graduation in 1898. Thereafter she taught for one year in Pike county, Illinois, and later in the states of Washington and Kentucky, in the meantime attending normal school during the summer seasons. It was in 1903 that she became the wife of Joseph C. Brooks, who was born in Kentucky, October 18, 1874, and who received degrees from the University of Louisville and from the law department of the University of North Carolina at Asheville. He later became an extensive coal-mine operator in Kentucky. He became a member of the Methodist Church, joined the Masonic fraternity and espoused the cause of the republican party. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks are the parents of three children, two daughters and a son. Frances Stillwell, who was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, July 10, 1904, was graduated from the Pittsfield high school in 1921 and also attended the Illinois Woman's College of Jacksonville. For two years prior to her marriage she followed the teaching profession. She is the wife of Warren Brockhouse, of Concord, Illinois, and is the mother of two sons, Warren Brooks and John William. Joseph C. Brooks, Jr., born in Mercer, Kentucky, May 4, 1908, was graduated from the Pittsfield high school in 1927 and attended the University of Illinois for one year. He is now deputy circuit clerk in his mother's office and lives at home. He is an enthusiastic sportsman and fraternally is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Hanna Allegra, born in Mercer, Kentucky, June 10, 1911, was graduated from the Pittsfield high school in 1929 and also was a student at the Illinois Woman's College of Jacksonville. She is the wife of Merrill H. Johnston,



who is a graduate of the University of Illinois and a practicing attorney of Springfield, this state.

Mrs. Brooks is an active worker in the local ranks of the republican party and enjoys a measure of personal popularity that has won her political preferment in a strongly democratic county. She was city treasurer of Pittsfield for one term and had been deputy circuit clerk of Pike county for three years when in 1928 she was elected for the position of circuit clerk, in which she has served most acceptably to the present time, proving an efficient and courteous public official. She is vice president of the Illinois Republican Women's Club, Inc., from the twentieth district; chairman of the Women's County Central Committee; and a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Study Club. She has membership in the Chamber of Commerce, is secretary of the Red Cross and has been president of the Public Health Association for a number of years. Fraternally she is affiliated with the Eastern Star, of which she is a past officer, and with the Rebekahs, and she is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being for years one of its Sunday school teachers. Mrs. Brooks devotes considerable time to the reading of instructive literature, is very fond of travel and of social companionship and is a lover of nature. She finds recreation in athletics and outdoor sports and is an ardent disciple of Izaak Walton.

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### FAIRVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The village of Fairview was an educational center in the late 1830s. The pioneer educator here was Simon L. Wyckoff, who taught school in an old log cabin during the summer of 1838. In July of that year the Fairview Academy was opened by S. S. Cornwell and in 1839 a building designed especially for its use was erected near the Dutch Reformed Church. This structure was occupied until 1863, when another building was constructed. In 1900 the present school was erected and a consolidation was effected with the district immediately west of it. The school now has four teachers and carries the student through the eighth

grade. The school has an average attendance of about eighty-five pupils, most of whom continue in high school. Of brick construction, the school is two stories in height, with a basement for play rooms, and an addition to the building was completed in 1916. The teachers are: Lois Turner, in charge of the third and fourth grades; Gladys Spess, who directs the studies of the pupils in the fifth and sixth grades; Bessie Haffner, who instructs those in the seventh and eighth grades; and Verna Kerr, in charge of the primary grades. V. L. Taylor is president of the school board, of which C. S. Voorhees is clerk, and Frank Wheat is also serving on the board.

Bessie Haffner, principal of the Fairview schools, was born near Astoria, in Fulton county, January 7, 1886, and is a daughter of William F. Haffner, a native of Virginia, born January 28, 1851. Coming to Illinois in 1853, when but two years old, the father has spent practically his entire life in this state and is the owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres in Fulton county. As a candidate of the republican party he was elected to the township school board, on which he has served for years, and he is a consistent member of the United Brethren Church. On the 2d of February, 1882, he married Miss Martha McLaren, a daughter of Robert and Hannah (McClellan) McLaren. Her father came to this country from Scotland, locating in Ohio, whence he later removed to Illinois, and was one of the early settlers in the district near Astoria, where he engaged in farming for several years. William F. and Martha (McLaren) Haffner were the parents of four children: Nellie E., who was born January 12, 1884, and is the wife of Jacob Leib, a farmer near Astoria; Bessie; Clara B., who was born July 14, 1889, and since the death of her husband, Ralph Danner, has lived at home; and Ora W., who was born October 10, 1891, and is the wife of C. A. Litchfield, of Sherrard, Illinois.

The second daughter, Bessie Haffner, was graduated from the Astoria high school in 1904 and took a correspondence course in the Michigan State Teachers College at Kalamazoo. Afterward she attended the Western Illinois State Teachers College at Macomb and the Illinois State Normal University at Normal, making thorough preparation for the career of an educator. She

was an instructor in the public schools of Cuba, Stringtown, Astoria and Canton, Illinois, and taught for three years in an Indian mission school in Arizona. In 1915 she became a teacher in the public schools of Fairview and has occupied the position of principal for eight years. Conscientious, energetic and efficient in the discharge of her duties, she inspires both teachers and pupils with her zeal and enthusiasm for the work and has secured the support and cooperation of the school board in her untiring efforts to advance the standards of education in this locality. She is resourceful in meeting the various problems that arise in the conduct of a school and much constructive work has been accomplished under her direction.

Refined and cultured, Miss Haffner is appreciative of the best in music and literature and her hobby is the collection of antique furniture. She belongs to the Reading Club and also to the Woman's Club of Fairview. Her political allegiance is given to the republican party and she has membership in the United Brethren Church. She takes a keen interest in community affairs, being particularly active in movements for the benefit of the public schools, and is classed with the most capable and progressive educators of this part of the state.

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### RICHARD B. CHERRY

One of Peoria's leading commercial houses is the Domestic Electric Appliance Company, Inc., of which Richard B. Cherry was one of the organizers and is president. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on the 20th of October, 1880, a son of Andrew J. and Georgia (Carey) Cherry. Andrew J. Cherry was a native of Erie, Pennsylvania, and died in Peoria, Illinois, in June, 1916. He was engaged in the structural iron business for a number of years, was a man of sterling qualities and stood high in the esteem of all who knew him. He was an independent voter and belonged to the Universalist Church. His wife, who still resides in Peoria, was born in Sycamore, De Kalb county, Illinois, and is a daughter of George and Susan Carey, of Indianapolis, both of whom are deceased.



Richard B. Cherry graduated from high school in St. Louis, Missouri, and then began dealing in typewriters, to which business he devoted his attention for three years. During the following three years he sold fire extinguishers to the farmers all over the state of Ohio, after which he returned to Indianapolis and entered the department store of the William H. Block Company, in which he worked for three years in the stock room and as a floor walker. He then became a salesman for the National Cash Register Company in Chicago, and later in Peoria. In 1917 he organized his present company, of which he has been the executive head to the present time. The company deals in Frigidaires, Delco light plants and Delco gas machines.

Mr. Cherry is a republican in his political views and is a member of the Universalist Church. He belongs to the Peoria Association of Commerce, the Creve Coeur Club of Peoria, the Mount Hawley Country Club and Peoria Lodge, No. 20, B. P. O. E. During the World war Mr. Cherry took an active part in the various Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives and has at all times stood for the things which contribute to the community welfare. He has a son, Richard B., Jr., a student in the Bradley Polytechnic Institute, and a daughter, Helen, who is the wife of Samuel Graham, of Peoria. Fishing and golf are his favorite outdoor sports.

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### JOHN L. CORBETT, D. D. S.

One of the foremost dentists of Pekin is Dr. John L. Corbett, whose well equipped offices are at 359 Court street, where he commands a large and representative patronage. He was born in Manito, Mason county, Illinois, on the 15th of August, 1897, a son of John Edward and Mary (Halpin) Corbett. His paternal grandfather, John Corbett, was a native of Ireland and died in Manito, Illinois. John Edward Corbett, who was born in Pekin, Illinois, in March, 1868, devoted many years to merchandising interests, but is now living retired in Manito, this state. He is a democrat in his political views and has been active and influential in local public affairs, having served for two terms as alder-

man and for two terms as mayor of Manito. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic. His wife is a daughter of Patrick and Mary (Galdin) Halpin, both of whom were natives of Ireland and died in Manito, Illinois. Patrick Halpin followed farming throughout his active life. He was a verteran of the Civil war, in which he served as a member of the Eighth Illinois Cavalry. He was a democrat in politics, and he and his wife were devout communicants of the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. and Mrs. Corbett became the parents of four children, namely: John L., of this review; Mrs. Theresa Hatters, of San Francisco, California; Mrs. I. D. Zimmerman, and Miss Mabel Corbett, both of Manito, this state.

John L. Corbett attended the public schools at Manito, graduating from high school in 1916, after which he was a student at the Bradley Polytechnic Institute of Peoria for one year. He then entered the dental school of the University of Indiana, which conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery at his graduation in 1921. Coming at once to Pekin, he opened an office in the Farmers National Bank building, where he remained until October, 1927, when he moved to his present location at 359 Court street.

On August 12, 1923, in Peoria, Illinois, Dr. Corbett was united in marriage to Miss Mary Bishop, a daughter of John H. and Margaret (Bowen) Bishop. Her father, a successful grain buyer, was born at Bishop, Illinois, December 27, 1858, and died January 28, 1926, in Pekin. He was a democrat in politics, and was a member of the Evangelical Church. His wife, a native of this state, is living with her daughter in Pekin. Mrs. Corbett graduated from the Havana high school in 1917, and from the Illinois Woman's College at Jacksonville with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1921. She taught school in Forest City, this state, prior to her marriage. She is an adherent of the Evangelical Church and is a member of the Royal Neighbors and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Dr. Corbett maintains an independent attitude in politics, supporting men and measures rather than party. He is a communicant of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church of Pekin and fraternally is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order

of Elks. While a student at the University of Indiana he was a member of the Students Army Training Corps, and he belongs to the American Legion. Along strictly professional lines he has membership connection with the Peoria County Dental Society, the Illinois State Dental Society and the American Dental Association. The Doctor is a master of the technique of his profession, while in his personal relations he is kindly and considerate, so that all who patronize him hold him in high regard.

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### ADRIAN H. HINDERER

Adrian H. Hinderer, an enterprising young business man of Rushville, well known as a member of the firm of Cain & Hinderer, whose operations in the field of general insurance cover a wide scope, was born in Frederick, Illinois, January 28, 1896, and is a son of Frank Hinderer. The grandfather, Emanuel Hinderer, was born in Germany, August 12, 1835, and became a shoemaker, following that occupation throughout life. On the 2d of April, 1857, he was married in Beardstown, Illinois, to Margaret Smitch, who was born in Germany August 19, 1840. They became residents of Frederick, Illinois, September 5, 1865. They were members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics Emanuel Hinderer was a democrat. He was called to public office and as a supervisor and a school director he worked effectively in behalf of his district. His demise occurred on the 28th of December, 1923, and he was laid to rest in the Messerer Cemetery beside his wife, who had departed this life October 12, 1910.

Frank Hinderer was born in Beardstown, March 9, 1860, and when a lad of five years removed with his parents to Frederick, where he subsequently assumed the duties and labors that fall to the lot of an agriculturist. He also keeps bees and at one time was numbered among the largest producers of honey in Illinois. He is an elder and director of the Christian Church and is a stalwart democrat who has never faltered in his allegiance to the party. For eight years he was assessor of Frederick township and since December 7, 1913, has been postmaster of Frederick, occupying the office for a period of seventeen years. He is one of the best known men in Schuyler county and has long occupied an enviable



place in public esteem. On November 26, 1885, he was married to Blanche Agnes Hale, who was born in Pleasant View, Illinois, September 2, 1860. Her political views coincide with those of her husband and she is a member of the Ladies Aid and the Missionary Society of the Christian Church, also belonging to the woman's auxiliary of the American Legion. She is a daughter of Beverly and Sarah (Spiller) Hale, the former a native of Wheeling, West Virginia, born March 9, 1818, while the latter was born January 29, 1824. They were married March 27, 1842, and came to Illinois in the spring of 1856, settling at Pleasant View. For a time Mr. Hale was employed as an engineer on steamboats and later he operated a mill at Pleasant View. Death claimed him May 30, 1894, and his remains were interred in the Messerer Cemetery beside his wife, who had departed this life September 8, 1876. His daughter, Mrs. Frank Hinderer, became the mother of three children: a daughter who died in infancy; Minnie Clara, who was born October 10, 1886, and died December 6, 1894; and Adrian H.

The son was reared in his native town and acquired a high school education. He entered business life as a clerk in the freight office of the Burlington Railroad, filling the position for two years or until April, 1914, when he returned home to aid his father in operating a bee apiary. On April 2, 1918, he enlisted in the United States Army and was sent to Fort Morgan, Alabama, as a member of the Third Anti-Aircraft Battery. He was ordered overseas August 1, 1918, and sailed from New York, August 8, 1918, on the Empress of Russia, an English transport, which proceeded first to Liverpool, England, and then to Le Havre, France. Detailed for duty in Paris, he remained in that city until the signing of the armistice and sailed from Brest, December 26, 1918, on the U. S. Battleship Kansas, landing at Newport News, Virginia, January 8, 1919. His military service was terminated January 27, 1919, when he received an honorable discharge at Camp Grant, Illinois.

Mr. Hinderer then returned to Frederick and resumed work with the railroad company, with which he continued until his removal to Rushville. In off seasons he worked in the garage of Brannan & Tribbey at Frederick. On the 1st of July, 1924, in Rushville, he formed a partnership with Calvin L. Cain, with

whom he has since been associated under the style of Cain & Hinderer. The relationship has been mutually beneficial, the labors of the one ably supplementing and rounding out the efforts of the other. Their business has enjoyed a rapid growth and is the largest of the kind in Schuyler county, while it also extends into adjoining counties. They occupy a suite of offices in the building which houses the Rushville State Bank and they write insurance of all kinds, representing the Equitable Life Company of New York, the United States Fire Insurance Company, the Iowa State Insurance Company, the Aetna Insurance Company and the Maryland Casualty Company.

Mr. Hinderer enjoys hunting, fishing, baseball and other outdoor sports when the opportunity affords. Deeply interested in religious work, he is an elder in the Christian Church of Frederick, superintendent of its Sunday school and treasurer of the Schuyler County Sunday School Association. In politics he is a democrat and his public spirit is expressed through the medium of the Rushville Community Club, of which he has been secretary from the time of its inception in 1926. Fraternally he is a Mason and he also belongs to the American Legion. Nature has endowed Mr. Hinderer with a pleasing personality, keen intelligence and an energetic disposition and he has ever been governed by those high principles which win for a man the respect and confidence of his fellows.

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### JOHN ASA WAKEMAN

The interests of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company in central Illinois are being well looked after by its general agent and superintendent for this district, John Asa Wakeman, who is achieving a noteworthy success in that position. He was born in Mason City, Illinois, on the 11th of August, 1895, and is a son of Henry and Ann M. (Barnes) Wakeman. In the paternal line he is of German descent, his grandfather, Michael Wakeman, having been a native of Germany, who, on his emigration to this country, located near Albany, New York, where he engaged in the manufacture of wagons and spent the remainder of his life.

Henry Wakeman was born near Albany, New York, and died in Mason City, Illinois, on April 6, 1913, at the age of sixty-two years. He was for many years engaged in the dry goods business in Mason City. He was active in local public affairs, having served as a member of the board of aldermen and as mayor. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was an ardent prohibitionist. Ann M. (Barnes) Wakeman was born in Atlanta, Illinois, and died in Mason City, this state, May 5, 1917. Her parents were Judge Asa C. and Anna (Leonard) Barnes, of whom the former was a native of Illinois and died in Atlanta, this state. He served as judge of the county court of McLean county, Illinois. As a contractor, he built the Chicago & Alton Railroad from Bloomington to St. Louis, and also built part of the east wall of the state penitentiary at Joliet. He was a republican in politics and was a member of the Congregational Church. His wife, a native of New York state, died at Mason City, Illinois. In the maternal line Mr. Wakeman is of Revolutionary descent.

John A. Wakeman graduated from high school at Mason City in 1913, after which he attended the University of Illinois for one year. At about that time his father died and he assumed the management of the latter's business interests, with which he was connected until he was drafted into the army, May 31, 1917. He went into training at Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Alabama, and was in various other camps. Later he drove army trucks, doing transport work from Detroit to the Atlantic coast. He was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois, on June 28, 1919. On leaving the army, Mr. Wakeman went to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he was for two years employed in the factory of the Marmon Automobile Company. In 1922 he came to Peoria and became connected with the Marmon Motor Company, distributor for central Illinois. Three years later he became sales manager for the Cadillac Motor Company, of Peoria, which position he held for three years, followed by eighteen months as sales manager for the Travis-Cadillac Company, at 1701 Main street, Peoria. He then turned his attention to the life insurance business and for the next two years was agent for the Travelers Insurance Company. At the end of that time he accepted his present position as general agent and



superintendent for central Illinois of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company.

On November 5, 1924, in Decatur, Illinois, Mr. Wakeman was united in marriage to Miss Mary W. Snell, a native of Litchfield, Illinois, and a daughter of Hugh A. and Mae D. (Smith) Snell. Hugh A. Snell was born in Litchfield, devoted the active years of his life to the wholesale grocery business, and there passed away August 22, 1926. His widow still resides in Litchfield. Mrs. Wakeman graduated from the Litchfield high school and from the National Park Seminary at Forest Glen, Maryland, and also attended Northwestern University for one year. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Litchfield. Mr. and Mrs. Wakeman are the parents of a daughter, Marianna, born November 12, 1928.

Mr. Wakeman is a staunch republican in his political views and his religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons at Mason City, Illinois, the American Legion at Peoria, the Creve Coeur Club, the Country Club of Peoria and the American Business Club. A successful business man, a loyal and public-spirited citizen and a sincere and constant friend and neighbor, he is well established in the regard of his fellowmen.

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#### ARTHUR BROWN LASSMAN, D. D. S.

Dentistry may be said to be almost unique among other occupations, as it is at once a profession, a trade and a business. Such being the case, it follows that in order to attain the highest success in it one must be thoroughly conversant with the theory of the art, must be expert with the many tools and appliances incidental to the practice of modern dentistry and must possess business qualifications adequate to dealing with the financial side of the profession. In all of these particulars Dr. Arthur Brown Lassman is well qualified and therefore has attained prestige among the able young representatives of dentistry in Marseilles. He was born in Cook county, Illinois, May 27, 1905, a son of Arthur H. and Nerressia (Brown) Lassman and a great-nephew of

Zachary Taylor, twelfth president of the United States. The family is of New England origin and representatives of the name came to the middle west from Rhode Island, settling in Iowa. About 1890 they took up their abode in Rockford, Illinois, the birthplace of Arthur H. Lassman, who is now an official of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company at Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Lassman are the parents of three sons, namely: Arthur Brown, of this review; Walter C., a student at De Pauw University of Greencastle, Indiana; and Charles E., who is attending high school in Chicago.

Arthur B. Lassman pursued his education in the Parker high school of Chicago and later matriculated in the University of Chicago, where he took a two-year arts course. His professional training was received in the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, from which he was graduated with the D. D. S. degree in June, 1929. Since that date he has continued active in the practice of dentistry at Marseilles, where he maintains a fine modern office and is accorded a rapidly increasing clientele. A young man of attractive personality and high character, he has made hosts of friends in Marseilles and the surrounding section. Dr. Lassman is a member of the Psi Omega dental fraternity and also of the Masonic order, being a worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the craft.

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### JOSEPH HENRY STICKELMAIER

Joseph H. Stickelmaier, president of the Bartonville State Bank, is one of Peoria county's substantial and influential citizens, whose judgment and executive ability have been effective in promoting the growth of the institution of which he is the head. He was born in Peoria, December 22, 1887, and is a son of George and Sophie (Weisbruch) Stickelmaier. His father was born in Germany in 1848 and came to the United States alone at the age of fourteen years. He first located in Lourds, Woodford county, Illinois, where he resided for two years, working at the carpenter trade. Moving to Peoria, he was employed at the cabinetmaker's trade for a while, and then became associated in the cabinet manu-



JOSEPH H. STICKELMAIER





facturing business with George J. Rothan, with whom he remained for twenty-five years. In 1900 he became connected with the Wahlfeld Manufacturing Company as foreman of its cabinet manufacturing department, which position he still holds. He designed and donated the communion table to the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church. His wife, a native of Peoria, is a most estimable lady, highly esteemed by all who know her. To Mr. and Mrs. Stickelmaier were born the following children, all of whom are living: Joseph Henry, of this review; Rev. Father Gilbert, a missionary and a member of the Capuchin order, now living in Washington, D. C., served as pastor of churches in Nebraska and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and for two years was a chaplain in the World war, spending most of that time in hospitals in Brest, France; Sister M. Hortensia, O. S. F., of Nebraska; Sister M. Loyola, O. S. F., of Geddes, South Dakota; Sister M. Beatina, O. S. F., of Chicago; Emily Stickelmaier, at home; and Henry C., manager of the Publix theater of Peoria. He married Miss Rose McMahan, a daughter of D. J. McMahan, of Chicago, and they are the parents of a son, Henry C., Jr.

Joseph H. Stickelmaier received his educational training in the parochial schools of Peoria and Spaulding Institute. He worked for the Weisbruch Brothers Drug Company, for three years, and for the same length of time was with the Central Illinois Light Company, of Peoria, as a salesman. He then entered the Merchants National Bank of Peoria, with which institution he remained until its consolidation with the Illinois National Bank, when he was made assistant cashier. He held that position until 1920, when he became cashier of the newly organized Bartonville State Bank, at Bartonville, of which W. W. Barton was president and Albert Randall, vice president. The bank occupied a new building, erected at a cost of twenty-eight thousand dollars, and has had a notable record of growth and usefulness in that community. On January 14, 1930, Mr. Stickelmaier was elected president of this bank, in which capacity he is now serving.

On January 18, 1910, Mr. Stickelmaier was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Weber, of Peoria, daughter of Joseph and Teresa Weber, the former now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Stickel-

maier are the parents of six children, Mary, Joseph H., Jr., Frances, Bernard, Florence and George. Mr. Stickelmaier is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, of which he is treasurer; the Knights of Columbus, the Order of the Alhambra and the Kickapoo Golf Club, while he has been secretary of the Peoria County Bankers' Federation for the past six years, and secretary of the Bartonville Better Business Association. He and his family are members of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church and give their support to its various interests. A man of broad views and well defined opinions, he stands for progress in all avenues of life, and during the ten years of his residence here has won a warm place in the hearts of the people of this community, in the welfare of which he has shown a deep interest.

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### HERBERT HARVEY VERTREES

Few men have acquired so comprehensive and accurate a knowledge of pearls as has Herbert H. Vertrees, who has written extensively on this subject, and has also been active in conservation movements. He is one of the leading business men of Pittsfield and has served as mayor of his city. Born in Edinburg, near Trenton, Missouri, October 26, 1877, he is the son of John Eaton Vertrees. In colonial times, his ancestors, who were of French and German descent, came to America and members of the Vertrees family participated in the Revolutionary war, serving with the Continental forces. Jacob Vertrees, the grandfather of Herbert H. Vertrees, was the son of a Kentucky pioneer who was one of the builders of Elizabethtown. Following in the footsteps of his father, Jacob Vertrees also won success as a contractor, and became one of the early settlers and substantial business men of Perry, Illinois, where he left many evidences of his skill as a builder. He married Nancy Hobbs.

Their son, John Eaton Vertrees, was born in the family home north of Perry, in 1839, and pursued his advance studies at Shurtleff College at Alton, Illinois. He achieved prominence in the educational field and at one time was president of Grand River College at Edinburg, Missouri. In 1882 he returned to his



native state and engaged in merchandising at Pittsfield, where he remained until his demise in January, 1920. During the Civil war he joined the One Hundred and Thirty-third Regiment of Illinois Infantry and was made a corporal in Company D. Throughout life he was an earnest student and retained a keen interest in educational work. A strong advocate of prohibition, he rejoiced in the passage of the eighteenth amendment and was keenly interested in movements of reform and uplift. He was a deacon in the Baptist Church and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. By his first marriage he became the father of three children: Lillia R., who lives in Pittsfield, Illinois; and Read and Carl, who are deceased. His second wife, Sophronia Jane (Peery) Vertrees, daughter of Robert Wallace and Elizabeth Eleanor (Harvey) Peery, was born July 16, 1851, and after her graduation from Grand River College taught school for several years. Her parents, who were of Scotch and Irish descent, were natives of Missouri and her grandparents were among the earliest settlers of that state. She has long been a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and is a Baptist in religious belief. Mrs. Sophronia J. Vertrees became the mother of four children: Herbert H.; John E., of Peoria, Illinois; and Anna Louise and Robert P., both now deceased. Margaret Eleanor Peery, a sister of Mrs. Sophronia Jane (Peery) Vertrees, practiced medicine in Pittsfield, Illinois, for a number of years and passed away in 1903.

Herbert H. Vertrees, the immediate subject of this review, contributes the following interesting family history: "My mother's grandmother was of French origin and her maiden name was Eleanor Julian. When she was seventeen years of age she lived in Randolph county, North Carolina. She was a Quaker and she married a young man named Absalom Harvey, who was not a Quaker. The members of the Society of Friends (the Quaker Church) turned her out of the church because she had married a non-Quaker, but informed her that if she would say that she was sorry that she had married Mr. Harvey, they would take her back into the church. She told them she was not sorry. Then the newly married couple got on a horse and rode to a place near where Newcastle, Indiana, now stands, where they lived as pion-

eers. Later they moved to Missouri. Her sisters and brothers were also born in Randolph county, North Carolina, but they later moved to Indiana. One brother, Isaac Julian, settled near Centerville, Indiana. He had two sons who attained national prominence. One was George Washington Julian, who began his active life as a school teacher. He studied law and was admitted to the Indiana bar. Later he was elected to the Indiana state legislature. In 1852 he was nominated for vice president of the United States by the free soil party in their national convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Later he became one of the founders of the republican party. He was a congressman from Indiana for quite a number of years. His brother, Isaac Julian, attained prominence as a poet and as an editor of several republican newspapers. In 1923 the Indiana Historical Commission began to publish a series of Indiana biographies and Volume I was a biography of George Washington Julian, written by Mr. Julian's daughter, Grace Julian Clark. The book contains a good and authentic account of the life and public services of George Washington Julian. George Washington Julian wrote several books which relate to his public services. One was 'Political Recollections' and another was 'Speeches on Political Questions'."

Herbert H. Vertrees obtained his early education in Pittsfield, later attending Shurtleff College and Brown's Business College. On entering business life he became a traveling salesman, thus continuing for several years. He is now associated with his sister in the Vertrees book store. Early in his career Mr. Vertrees began reading about pearls, learning much concerning their origin and value, and as he continued his studies this became one of the chief interests of his life. His book "Pearls and Pearling" is considered an outstanding work on the subject and has been sold throughout the world. Since writing this book he has written another on "Pearl Farming" which will be issued later. It deals with the experiences of scientists in various parts of the world who have attempted to cultivate pearl shells and pearls. Mr. Vertrees is an eminent authority on pearls and his articles on this subject have appeared in many magazines and newspapers. His account of "Our Vanishing Pearl Fisheries," endorsed and published by the authority of the Pike County Chapter of the Izaak

Walton League of America, May 23, 1924, describes the rise and decline of the pearl and shell fisheries in this country and strongly advocates their protection and restoration. His "Plea for our Vanishing Pearl Industries," which was printed in the Danville Commercial News of February 24, 1927, greatly stirred the members of the Izaak Walton League state convention. Under the caption of "Shall We Have Real Conservation," published April 5, 1927, he issued a pamphlet which attracted widespread notice and interest in the conservation of the pearl fisheries and other natural resources. For many years Mr. Vertrees served as the buyer of American fresh-water pearls for Valimohamed Abbahusein Motiwala & Company of Bombay, India, and purchased many thousands of dollars worth of pearls for this Indian firm. During his various experiences in the pearl business and in securing information relating to the cultivation of pearls, he has exchanged views with many leading scientists in foreign countries, among these being the Japanese scientist, Kokichi Mikimoto. His interest and efforts to promote the cultivation of genuine pearls have been appreciated in the foreign fisheries. T. H. Haynes, of The Montebello Syndicate, Limited, urged him to accept the position of biologist for the firm and assist them in their efforts to cultivate pearl shells and pearls at their established location in the Montebello Islands, ninety miles off the north coast of Australia. He was unable to accept the offer for the reason that he had already arranged to take care of a large cotton plantation which was a part of the family estate and which was in the state of Louisiana.

Mr. Vertrees has also devoted much thought to the subject of game conservation and for years has been the secretary of the Pike County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, "the chapter which put the word 'serve' in conservation." He is also active in the affairs of the Pike County Sportsmen's Conservation Association, which he helped to organize. His articles upon the subject of conservation have been widely read and quoted and he is responsible for the movement for a nation-wide conservation holiday. In this connection he wrote: "Up to the present time only a comparatively small number of our citizens have been interested in trying to save and conserve the natural resources of



our own United States. Most people have not given serious consideration to conservation, because the importance of the subject has not been brought home to them. The great need for conservation should be emphasized throughout our nation. It is very necessary to adopt some plan which will make real conservation a nation-wide popular movement among our people.

"Therefore, it would be very appropriate for our people to establish a nation-wide conservation holiday. This would cause our citizens in all parts of our country to recognize the need of saving and conserving the natural resources of the United States. . . .

"The programs for such meetings should stimulate a greater interest in our natural resources and in outdoor recreations. It might be advisable to offer prizes for the students who present the best essays on conservation, or to the ones who present the most practicable plans for conservation. Contests in various outdoor sports would be in keeping with the occasion.

"Although it will not be possible to select a day which will suit every person, it is evident that such a holiday should occur in a month which does not contain a nation-wide school holiday. Also it should come during the school term, and late in the spring. Therefore, it will be advisable to select the fourth Friday in each April for our Conservation Day."

Mr. Vertrees has been a prohibitionist for many years. He is a republican of the progressive type and he has been active in county, state and national politics. In 1929 he was elected mayor of the city of Pittsfield by a large majority, giving to this municipality an efficient administration that was beneficially resultant. He is now a candidate for the office of representative to the state legislature from the thirty-sixth district, seeking this honor from the republicans who will vote in the primary in April, 1932. He was reared a Baptist and has ever been an earnest follower of the teachings of the church. In the Knights of Pythias he has held high offices, including those of chancellor commander, representative to the grand lodge and deputy grand chancellor. He is a past noble grand in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a member of Colfax Rebekah Lodge, No. 88, I. O. O. F. He is a member of Pittsfield Lodge, No. 790, Ancient Free and

Accepted Masons of Illinois, and an honorary member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

He was the organizer and is now an officer of The American National Patriotic Society, formed for the improvement of American citizenship. In many ways Mr. Vertrees has manifested his public spirit and unselfish devotion to the general good and his career contains much that is of inspirational value to those who seek a higher level of service.

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### PIKE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

The Farm Bureau movement was started in Pike county in 1918 at a time when organization work was greatly stimulated by the war period and a desire to increase food production as a war measure. H. C. McCarrell of west Pike county was the prime agitator of the movement. In the fall of that year Mr. McCarrell headed a committee that served as an organization committee. The drive for members resulted in a pledge of four hundred and sixty-four. On May 10, 1931, Mr. McCarrell called a meeting of the pledges, at which time a representative of the Extension Department of the University of Illinois met with them. It was decided at this meeting to form a permanent organization. H. C. McCarrell served as chairman of this meeting and Jesse M. Thompson was secretary. The officers were elected as follows: Jesse M. Thompson, president; E. C. Yocum, vice president; A. W. Butterfield, secretary; and Charles Johnson, treasurer. Otis Kercher was the first farm adviser. Mr. Kercher assumed his duties in the autumn of 1919 and continued to the spring of 1924. Then Frank Barrett, who had been serving as assistant farm adviser since 1920, assumed the duties as farm adviser. In the fall of 1928, Mr. Barrett resigned, and the present farm adviser, W. B. Bunn, assumed the duties of the adviser.

The past thirteen years have seen a vast change in the Pike County Farm Bureau. At that time farmers knew little of the art of working together and of what could be accomplished by it. The Farm Bureau was merely an infant with small resources. Its work was something of an experiment. It was forced to

justify itself in the minds of the membership. Each county was a unit unto itself, with no special relation to any other county. Extension work was relatively new. It was just beginning to take shape with relationship to projects and methods.

Today the Pike County Farm Bureau is a corporation which is sound financially and which is recognized by the farmer generally as a great service organization filling a distinct and necessary place in the farm business. The members are becoming more accustomed to organization and its benefits. They have seen the counties joined together in the Illinois Agricultural Association and the American Farm Bureau Federation. They realize the great additional services coming to them from that source. In the meantime the work of the extension service has been standardized, programs of work have been adopted, different projects outlined. The whole structure has been improved with the idea of rendering greater service.

The soil improvement project has been a major one of the Pike County Farm Bureau. The limestone tonnage applied to the soils has increased from practically nothing to fifteen to twenty thousand tons annually. The sweet clover acreage has increased from less than three hundred at the beginning of the organization to more than thirty thousand acres at the present time. The county-wide Produce Marketing Association has been organized. This has resulted in increased returns to the dairy farmers. A seed depot is maintained whereby members may secure quality seed at a reasonable cost. Much has been done to encourage the farmer to support his farmer owned and controlled live stock marketing agency. The fruit men as a result of their organization have a Western Illinois Apple Growers Association. Animal disease control projects have come in for consideration. The Farm Bureau maintains a serum depot and furnishes serum at greatly reduced prices. The contagious abortion disease control project is one that is gaining in prominence. All of the cattle in the county as a result of the Farm Bureau's activities have been tested for tuberculosis—reactors have been removed. Likewise the Farm Bureau maintains an insurance service that is of great economic importance to the farmer. More than two hundred and fifty Farm Bureau members are insured



in their own automobile insurance company. More than a half million dollars worth of life insurance is carried by Pike county folks in their own company. More than one hundred and forty policyholders carry farm property insurance through the Farmers Mutual Re-Insurance Company at cost. Tax, legislative, and transportation problems are handled in cooperation with the Illinois Agricultural Association. Soil improvement, farm management, live stock, poultry, and boys' and girls' 4-H clubs and all problems pertaining to the farm life, with reference to an educational nature, are carried on in connection with the University of Illinois.

The Pike County Farm Bureau has nearly six hundred and fifty members. Its present officers are as follows: R. E. Rush, president; W. F. Beckenholdt, vice president; C. C. White, secretary; Floyd Bagby, assistant secretary; M. T. Wells, treasurer. The office personnel consists of W. B. Bunn, farm adviser; Hazel Mellon, office secretary; and Lucile Sneed, commercial secretary.

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### WILLIAM BENTON BUNN

William Benton Bunn, farm adviser of Pike county, was born on a farm near Olney in Richland county, Illinois, on November 7, 1893. He is the eldest son of William Benton and Fannie (Bowers) Bunn. The American progenitors of the Bunn family emigrated from England to the new world during the fore part of the seventeenth century. Edward Bunn of Massachusetts was the founder of the family in America. The first American record of him is found in Nantasket (now the town of Hull) in 1642 when his right as a proprietor was acknowledged. Representatives of the name, like those of most early New England families, have been pioneers in many states of the American union. Representatives of the name and direct ancestors of William Benton Bunn of this review were pioneers successively in New Jersey, New York, Virginia, Ohio and Illinois. The male members of the family have largely devoted their energies to farming. A goodly number of them acquired

fairly large land holdings and were classed as substantial citizens and successful farmers.

Bunns of early days seemed possessed with the spirit of pioneering. When the men of eastern states resolved to come out into the wilderness, infested with wild beasts and Indians, their wives came with them to make the crude border life into home. So it was with Benjamin Bunn, great-grandfather, and Hyatt Bunn, grandfather of the subject in review. By horse-drawn covered wagon came Benjamin and his newly wedded wife from Virginia to the wilds of Ohio. Here he settled in Wayne county, then a wilderness among the Indians, grew a family, farmed, blacksmithed, preached the gospel, served as a commissioned captain during the war of 1812. Here his son Hyatt grew to manhood, married, farmed ten years for himself. Distant pastures looked greener—the urge to move forward into new lands surged within. In the autumn of 1838 a schooner-train party consisting of several families, including those of Benjamin and his son Hyatt, moved across Ohio, Indiana and into Illinois. William Benton, Sr., son of Hyatt and father of William Benton of this sketch, was the baby in the moving party. He was born June 3, 1838. During the long journey the mother of William Benton, Sr., walked behind the slowly moving caravan of covered wagons many long miles and many weary hours in an effort to keep her tiny babe out of the dust of the moving train.

Finally the party reached their “chosen spot” in southeast Richland county. Here William Benton, Sr., grew to manhood and became prominently identified with the history of Richland county for nearly three-quarters of a century. He did much for the upbuilding and development of the community in which he lived. He served as supervisor, justice of the peace, school director, and as member of the board of trustees of the church of his faith. He was a forceful leader in all movements and measures looking toward the general community welfare. During his life he acquired more than a half section of land, improved it well and was classed as one of the county’s most successful farmers. His day was before that of the Farm Bureau or other general farm organization movements. Even so he felt an urgent desire that farmers should band together for their com-

mon good. The old F. M. B. A., an association of farmers, merchants and bankers, located largely in southern Illinois, showed considerable promise for the farmer for a few years. While this organization existed William Benton, Sr., took an active interest in it. He was an active and staunch supporter of the democratic party. Too, he was a devout Methodist. He passed away March 23, 1912, and was buried in Mount Olive cemetery in southeast Richland county. On the 26th of June, 1892, in Richland county, William Benton Bunn, Sr., was united in marriage to Fannie Bowers. She was born in Iowa, October 6, 1858, and was a daughter of Peter and Mary (Brown) Bowers. The Brown family was related to the famous Studebakers, builders of wagons and automobiles. George Bowers, the great-great-grandfather of Mr. Bunn of this review, fought in the Revolutionary war and was a soldier under Washington's command. The Bowers family numbered many educators. Mrs. Fannie Bunn is a woman of keen intellect and more than ordinary refinement. She was a little maiden of about five summers when she accompanied her parents on their removal from Iowa to Indiana, from which state she came to Illinois. She still resides on the old homestead with a son in Richland county. Although of rather a reserved disposition, the people throughout the community without exception hold her in high esteem. She has long been a valued member of the Methodist Church, and served as a guiding hand in training her children to respect and honor Christian principles. Her family numbers five children, four sons and a daughter, as follows: William Benton, Jr., of this review; Benjamin Bowers, who was born April 25, 1895, and who resides in Urbana, Illinois; Lee Bernard, born August 21, 1897, who is a farmer of Richland county; Samuel Walter, born April 25, 1899, who farms the old home place; and Mary Esther, born November 10, 1901, who is the wife of H. Lee Preston of Decatur, Illinois.

William Benton Bunn, the eldest of the family, pursued his education in the public schools of Richland county, passing through consecutive grades until graduated from the Olney Township high school in 1914. He was active in school affairs, especially scholastic. In the fall of 1914 he entered the Eastern Illinois State Teachers College at Charleston, from which he



graduated in 1916. During the succeeding year he engaged in the teaching profession as principal of a grade school in Effingham. He was particularly interested in biological sciences while a student in the Teachers College. Interest in the natural sciences continued to develop and in the fall of 1917 he enrolled in the College of Agriculture, University of Illinois, which in February, 1920, conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. Vacation periods were always spent on the farm. Pursuing some project that dealt with animal husbandry always delighted him. On the 2d of September, 1918, he entered the military service of the United States, being a member of the One Hundred and Sixty-first Depot Brigade at Camp Grant, Illinois, and Camp MacArthur, Texas. He was honorably discharged at Camp Grant, January 4, 1919. While a student at the University of Illinois and the Eastern Illinois State Teachers College, he was active in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. While attending the former institution, he was an active member of the Farm House Fraternity, the Agricultural Club and the Hoof and Horn Club. Upon graduation in February, 1920, he became assistant farm adviser for Edgar county, and a year afterward he became the assistant farm adviser in McDonough county. Here he remained until April, 1923. Then he assumed the position of farm adviser in his home county, Richland. His success in his home county with reference to building a substantial farm organization and developing various cooperative marketing projects attracted the attention of farm leaders in Pike county. Mr. Bunn was finally induced to leave his native county and come to Pike in the capacity of farm adviser in December, 1928. Here he has served to the present time. Perhaps his greatest achievement since coming to Pike has been the development of leadership for the purpose of building a substantial farm organization. Under his guidance 4-H Club work has rapidly developed, the entire cattle population has been tested for tuberculosis, train loads of reactors weeded out, a county-wide Co-operative Produce Marketing Association has been organized; so has the Western Illinois Apple Growers Association, also a cooperative. He played an important role in developing the Home Bureau organization within the county.

On the 3d of September, 1924, Mr. Bunn was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Winans, of Olney, Illinois, who was born July 5, 1899, her parents being Joseph Minett and Mary Charlotte (Baughman) Winans. Joseph M. Winans, who was born November 1, 1854, engaged in the grocery business at Olney for forty years and passed away April 22, 1926, in the faith of the Baptist Church. He gave his political support to the democratic party and fraternally was affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. On the 8th of March, 1887, he married Charlotte Baughman, who was born May 7, 1866, and is still living. She is a Methodist in religious faith. After her marriage she became the mother of five children, three daughters and two sons, as follows: Luella Minett, who was born May 6, 1889, and resides in Youngstown, Ohio; Aaron Edward, who was born December 12, 1891, and is a resident of St. Louis, Missouri; Hugh Neal, born January 6, 1894, who is a farmer in Canton, Mississippi; Ruth, who is the wife of William B. Bunn; and Grace, born November 6, 1902, who is now Mrs. J. C. Leaton, of Chicago. Of the above named, Mrs. Ruth Bunn completed the work of the grade and high schools in Olney, was graduated from the University of Illinois with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1924 and also pursued a course of training at the Olney Business College. Prior to her marriage she was employed as a stenographer in the office of the dean of liberal arts at the University of Illinois. A Methodist in religious faith, she is president of the Home Missionary Society and also has membership in the Study Club, the Fortnightly Club and the ladies' auxiliary of the American Legion. She maintains an independent attitude in politics and manifests an active interest in civic and social affairs. Mrs. Bunn, moreover, is a student reader and a skilled pianist, is fond of athletics and in fact is an outdoor enthusiast. Her pleasing personality has won her many friends and well deserved popularity. Mr. and Mrs. Bunn are the parents of a daughter, Barbara Winans, born June 14, 1928.

In politics Mr. Bunn may be said to be an independent democrat, not considering himself bound by party ties at local elections. He belongs to the American Legion and the Lions Club, is a member of the official board of the Methodist Church and

fraternally is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a lover of athletic sports and finds great delight in travel, having visited many parts of the United States. His hobby is organized agriculture. Mr. Bunn has a keen appreciation of art, devotes much time to the reading of instructive literature and has written numerous interesting articles pertaining to his work. He is well liked throughout the community in which he resides, for his salient personal traits of character are such as readily win and hold friends.

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### IPAVAL COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

The Ipava community high school was established January 24, 1920, previous to which time it was known as district high school No. 167. It now draws students from fifty sections of land near Ipava and these are located in four different townships. The present building was erected in 1926 as an addition to the old structure at a cost of fifty-five thousand dollars. Of brick construction, the building is semi-fireproof and is heated with a modern hot air plant and supplied with city water. This is a regular four-year high school, accredited by the University of Illinois. It has ten recitation rooms, a study hall, a gymnasium, shower rooms, lavatories and an office. The building is two stories above ground and has a large basement. There are six teachers in the high school and four in the grades, which are also located in this building. The commercial department is an important feature of the school. The band and orchestra are composed of both grade and high school pupils. The school has a complete instrumental and vocal music department. There are fifty-three instruments in the band. The school teaches journalism and edits *The Quill*, a high school paper. Complete modern equipment has been installed in the laboratory. The pupils are trained in baseball, basket-ball and track work. The gymnasium is a commodious hall for the use of the entire community. The school has a complete library and a separate building for this department is now under construction. The citizens and school board are interested in educational work and cooperate with the



superintendent at all times and in all matters. Marshall Howell is president of the board, while L. F. Baldwin fills the office of secretary, and associated with them as directors are Guy Porter, Ed Flemming and Ben Birck. Ipava schools have evolutionized from the log cabin subscription school built in 1834. The district has had several schoolhouses and experienced handicaps of finances in days past but now has one of the best schools in Fulton county, with a community well in accord with education.

Theodore C. Theilen, superintendent of the Ipava city schools, was born in Coatsburg, Adams county, Illinois, January 21, 1900. His father, J. C. Theilen, was born in Hamburg, Germany, and came to Illinois in 1881. Thrifty, industrious and farsighted, he prospered as a lumberman and as a farmer and became the owner of a tract of eight hundred acres of valuable land, which is retained by the family. In religious faith he was a Lutheran and fraternally he was a Mason. He gave his political support to the republican party and was one of the influential men of his district. He was elected president of the Camp Point town board and for years was a member of the school board. He passed away September 22, 1916, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Camp Point. His widow, Helen (Tieken) Theilen, also a native of Germany, came to the United States as a young girl and still makes her home at Camp Point. Like her husband, she was reared in the Lutheran faith, to which she has always adhered, and her lovable nature has endeared her to her family and a wide circle of friends.

Her son, Theodore C. Theilen, participated in football, baseball and track activities as well as in literary and debating work while a pupil in the high school at Camp Point and was graduated with the class of 1920. He attended Knox College for a year and farmed until 1922, when he matriculated in the Western Illinois State Teachers College at Macomb, Illinois, where he won the degree of Bachelor of Education in 1925. While at that institution he played on its baseball team and is now taking a course at the University of Minnesota in preparation for the Master's degree. For five years he had charge of the schools of Prairie City, Illinois, and in 1930 came to Ipava as superintendent of schools—an office for which he is well qualified by reason of his training, experience and ability.

Mr. Theilen was married June 10, 1921, to Winfred Gale Gustin, who was born in Ipava, March 24, 1900, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Gustin. Mrs. Theilen was graduated from the Ipava high school in 1920 and received the B. E. degree from the Western Illinois State Teachers College in 1924. Thoroughly conversant with educational matters, she renders valuable assistance to her husband in his work, and is also a graduate nurse. Mr. and Mrs. Theilen have one child, Madelynn Louise, born in September, 1922.

The parents have membership in the Presbyterian Church and Mr. Theilen votes with the republican party. He greatly enjoys athletic sports, being particularly interested in baseball, and acted as a coach while in Prairie City. He belongs to the Masonic order, the Sigma Nu fraternity, the Fulton County Schoolmasters Club, the Illinois State Teachers Association and the National Principals Association. Mrs. Theilen is identified with the Rebekahs and the Eastern Star. Like her husband, she is studious by nature and in the cultural life of Ipava they fill an important place. Impelled by high ideals of service, Mr. Theilen has utilized every opportunity to perfect himself in his work and although young in years, he has already become recognized as a progressive educator who is destined to go far in the vocation of his choice.

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#### WHEDON W. MERCER, M. D.

Chillicothe is the home and scene of labors of one of the ablest and most highly esteemed physicians of Peoria county, Dr. Whedon W. Mercer, who has been engaged in the practice of his profession for over twenty years. Born in Huntington, West Virginia, on the 5th of October, 1881, he is a son of Rev. James E. and Elizabeth (Worley) Mercer. His father, a native of Fairmont, West Virginia, was born February 16, 1853, and died in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 21, 1928. Some time prior to his death he had retired from active service as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, after having served a number of important churches in Illinois, including, among others, Momence,



DR. WHEDON W. MERCER





Sheldon, Milford, Brimfield and Washington, while for nine years he was financial secretary of the Methodist Hospital of Central Illinois, in Peoria. He gave his political support to the republican party. His wife was born at Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, April 1, 1860, and is now residing in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Whedon W. Mercer graduated from high school at Brimfield, Illinois, in 1900, after which he attended Illinois Wesleyan University, at Bloomington, two years. He then matriculated in the medical school of the University of Illinois, in Chicago, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1908. He served as interne in the United States Marine Hospital in Chicago, and in the Illinois state hospital service at Kankakee, Peoria and Anna, as assistant superintendent. Dr. Mercer then located in Deer Creek, Tazewell county, where he practiced his profession for seven years, after which he was for three years at Lacon, Marshall county, this state. In January, 1928, he came to Chillicothe, where he has been engaged in general practice to the present time, serving also as industrial surgeon. He is likewise surgeon for the Illinois division of the Santa Fe Railroad.

On September 20, 1911, in Kankakee, Illinois, Dr. Mercer was united in marriage to Miss Katheryn Giblin, who was born in Sterling, Illinois, where her father, William J. Giblin, resides. Mrs. Mercer is a graduate of the Amboy high school, and graduated in nursing at the Kankakee State Hospital, after which she followed the profession of nursing prior to her marriage. She is a member of the University Club of Chillicothe and other women's organizations.

Dr. Mercer is a republican in his political views and his religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He belongs to Taylor Lodge, No. 98, A. F. & A. M., at Washington, Illinois; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; the Alpha Kappa Kappa fraternity; and the North Shore Country Club. He is affiliated with the Peoria County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the Tri-State Medical Association, and the Association of Railroad Surgeons. For many years he has been active in local public affairs. While a resident of Tazewell county he served as treasurer of the republican central committee, and

during the late war served on the Tazewell county examining board, and was vice chairman of the third Liberty Loan drive in Tazewell county. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club of Chillicothe and is always among the leaders in the promoting of measures having for their object the betterment of the community.

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### HARRY A. EGOLF

Harry A. Egolf, president of the Egolf Motor Company and president of the Standard Finance Corporation, both of Peoria, is one of the city's leading business men, and also stands high in the legal profession, to the work of which he devoted a number of years. He was born in Metamora, Illinois, on the 27th of February, 1891, and is a son of John U. and Josephine (Stuckey) Egolf. His father was born in Zurich, Switzerland, June 21, 1861, and died in Gridley, Illinois, October 16, 1919. He conducted a general mercantile business in Gridley, gave his political support to the democratic party and was an earnest member of the Christian Church. He is survived by his widow, who was born in Alsace-Lorraine, July 19, 1866, and still lives in Gridley. Harry A. Egolf attended the public schools of Gridley, graduating from high school in 1908, after which he taught school for four years, spending his summers at the University of Illinois. He then entered the law department of Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1914. He had been admitted to the bar of Illinois in 1912 and in the fall of 1914 he located in Peoria, where he was associated with the law firm of Covey, Campbell & Covey until 1919. He was then appointed referee of the federal court, in which capacity he served until 1925. He continued the private practice of law until 1927, since which time he has given his entire attention to the automobile and finance business. The Egolf Motor Company occupies a fine building at 1311 Main street, completed in the spring of 1925. The front of the ground floor is devoted to offices and a splendid display room; a large and well equipped garage occupies the rear, while the upper floor is divided into five apartments. This



company has the local agency for the Oldsmobile and Viking cars, and is the largest dealer in these lines in the entire state of Illinois. In 1929 the company celebrated its tenth anniversary as a distributor of these well known automobiles.

On April 20, 1910, in Gridley, Illinois, Mr. Egolf was united in marriage to Miss Alice Niergarth, who was born and reared in that place, and is a daughter of Charles and Chloe Jane (Adams) Niergarth, of whom the former is a merchant in Gridley. Mrs. Egolf is a graduate of the Gridley high school. Mr. and Mrs. Egolf are the parents of three children, namely: Elizabeth Jane, born July 3, 1915; Marjorie Josephine, born May 13, 1917; and Alice Virginia, born June 18, 1920.

In his political views Mr. Egolf is a stanch democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Central Christian Church. He belongs to the Peoria Association of Commerce, the Creve Coeur Club, the University Club and the Mount Hawley Country Club, and is president of the Automobile Dealers of Peoria. He maintains professional affiliation with the Peoria County Bar Association. During the World war he took a very active part in promoting the various Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives and received a medal in acknowledgment of his effective work. He also served on the legal advisory board and as a Four-Minute speaker. He has attained a high place in commercial circles through his enterprising and up-to-date methods and his adherence to the highest of business principles, so that he has won and retains the confidence of the public.

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### WALTER AYERS

A man of enterprise, sagacity and foresight, Walter Ayers stimulated Jacksonville's development along both business and financial lines and was also active in community affairs. A native of this city, he was born October 25, 1853. A grand-uncle, David Ayers, served with the New Jersey Militia in the Revolutionary war and two other members of the family were hanged by the British for loyalty to the cause of the colonists, whom they aided by furnishing the American troops with beef

and other necessities. The grandparents of Walter Ayers were David B. and Eliza (Freitag) Ayers. Leaving Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the spring of 1830, David B. Ayers arrived in Jacksonville, Illinois, shortly thereafter, where he established the first drug store. In educational and religious work he ever manifested a deep and helpful interest and was one of the first trustees of Illinois College and also of the Jacksonville Female Academy. His philanthropies were as wide as his knowledge of need and his death in 1851 was a distinct loss to the city and state of his adoption. His son, Marshall Paul Ayers, was born in the Quaker city, February 27, 1823, and at the age of seven years journeyed westward with the family. Like his father, he was a man of marked public-spirit and a vital force for progress in his section of the state. He founded the M. P. Ayers & Company bank in 1852, which later became the Ayers National Bank, of which he was president till his death. In 1856 he organized the Jacksonville Gas Company and in 1871 started the project for the construction of the Jacksonville & Southeastern Railroad. He remained a resident of Jacksonville until his death, which occurred September 30, 1902, when he was seventy-nine years of age. His wife bore the maiden name of Laura Allan.

They were the parents of Walter Ayers, who was accorded liberal educational advantages, supplementing his public school instruction by attendance at Whipple Academy and Illinois College. When his studies were completed he took up the occupation of farming, which he followed in Morgan county for a short time. He then entered the Ayers National Bank, of which his father was president, and while connected with that institution he conducted the business of the Ayers Insurance Company. He left the bank and purchased the Morgan County Abstract & Title Company but subsequently withdrew from that concern and concentrated his attention upon the management of the insurance agency, which he controlled until his death on the 1st of July, 1930, when he was seventy-six years of age. Like his father and grandfather, he was a capable executive, dominated at all times by an accurate sense of business exigency, and success attended his well directed labors.

Mr. Ayers was married in Jacksonville, March 13, 1875, to

Miss Mary Abigail Farrell, a daughter of F. G. Farrell, founder of the Farrell Bank of this city. Mrs. Ayers passed away September 26, 1898, leaving three children: Allan Farrell; Margaret, now Mrs. Louis F. Eaton; and Gertrude. For his second wife Mr. Ayers chose Helen Leigh Palmer, to whom he was married January 8, 1902.

While never an office seeker, Mr. Ayers had a keen sense of his responsibilities as a citizen and labored earnestly for the common good. He was a trustee of Passavant Hospital, which was donated to the city by his grandmother, Eliza (Freitag) Ayers. Of a deeply religious nature, he was a deacon and a trustee of the State Street Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville for years and was treasurer of its Sunday school. To know him was to be his friend, for he was a courteous, kindly gentleman, ever considerate of the rights and privileges of others. He considered life well worth the living, making the most of it day by day, and his strict adherence to the principles of honor and integrity established him high in public regard.

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### HARRY B. HAYWARD

One of the leading undertaking establishments of the upper Illinois River Valley is the Hayward Mortuary, at 2018 South Adams street, Peoria, of which Harry B. Hayward is the head. This is an old established concern, which has always commanded the confidence of the public and under Mr. Hayward's able management is maintained at the highest degree of efficiency. Mr. Hayward was born in Axtell, Kansas, on the 1st of March, 1885, and is a son of Lewis and Lucy (Barry) Hayward, of whom the latter was a native of New York city. Through both lines of descent Mr. Hayward comes of old Mayflower stock, and one of his ancestors, William Hayward, was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, while ancestors on both sides fought in the Revolutionary war. His maternal grandfather was a soldier in the Civil war. The Haywards are numbered among the earliest settlers of Tazewell county, Illinois. The paternal grandfather of Harry B. Hayward was an early contractor and builder and



many of the homes, barns and warehouses erected by him in Tazewell county more than seventy years ago are still in good condition. Lewis Hayward, father of H. B. Hayward, was born in Tremont, Tazewell county, Illinois, devoted his entire active life to contracting and building, and passed away in January, 1920. He married Lucy Barry at Tremont and they became the parents of four children, all of whom are living, the eldest being Harry B., of this review. Alice H., born October 6, 1890, and now a resident of Peoria, is a traveling cashier with the Bankers Life Insurance Company of Des Moines, Iowa. Marguerite, born October 16, 1896, is the wife of Lewis E. Wilson, a traveling salesman, and they reside in Peoria. Dean T., born October 5, 1900, is associated with his brother, Harry B., in the undertaking business, in Peoria, under the name of the Hayward Mortuary. He is a veteran of the World war, for which he enlisted in Peoria at the age of seventeen years. He was sent to the Great Lakes training station, but was later transferred to the Hospital Corps and served on submarine chasers. During the "flu" epidemic he was transferred from the navy to the Marines, and was sent to Parris Island, South Carolina. When the United States declared war against Germany, Mr. Hayward was attending high school and after enlisting obtained the consent of his parents, which was necessary before he could be accepted by the army. He served during the entire period of the war, at the close of which he was honorably discharged. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Peoria.

Harry B. Hayward acquired his education in the grammar and high schools of Peoria and subsequently worked in a drug store for nine years. On the expiration of that period he became identified with the undertaking business, in which he has since engaged. It was on the 15th of August, 1925, that he purchased the undertaking establishment of Major H. Weers, which during the past six years has been conducted under the name of the Hayward Mortuary. The concern was established by John Weers, father of Major Weers, and was first located at 1314 South Adams street. The Haywards (Harry B. and Dean T.) continued the business at that place until July 1, 1928, when it was moved to its present convenient and well arranged quarters at

2018 South Adams street, which are modern and up-to-date in every respect. Harry B. Hayward has been a licensed embalmer since he was twenty-one years old. He was for eleven years with J. B. Wilton, Brother & Company, of Peoria, as chief embalmer, and was later for ten years with the Gauss Undertaking Company of Peoria. He and his brother give their careful personal attention to the undertaking business, in which they have shown themselves experts, and they command their full share of the business in their line in this section of the valley. Harry B. Hayward is a member of Peoria Lodge, No. 20, B. P. O. E., and Peoria Aerie, F. O. E. He is a man of courteous and considerate manner, makes a favorable impression on all who come in contact with him, and throughout the community in which he has spent the major portion of his life he is held in high esteem.

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#### EDWARD C. BLONTS

One of East Peoria's most prominent citizens is Edward C. Blonts, who holds an important official position with the Caterpillar Tractor Company, and is also serving as a city commissioner. He was born in Woodford county, Illinois, on the 21st of October, 1884, and is a son of Michael and Clara (Ohl) Blonts. His father, who was of French descent, was born in Vienna, Austria. He came to the United States alone in 1847 and settled in Metamora, Illinois, where he was engaged in farming for a while, but later took up his regular vocation as a horticulturist, which he had learned in his native country, being an expert landscape artist and regarded as a specialist on grapes. He was a veteran of the Civil war, in which he served in an Illinois regiment. His death occurred in 1901. His wife was born in Berlin, Germany, and in 1839, when one year old, was brought to this country by her parents, who located in Woodford county, Illinois, where they engaged in farming. Mrs. Clara Blonts died in 1917. To Mr. and Mrs. Blonts were born twelve children, five of whom died in infancy. Elisabeth became the wife of Calvin Fairchilds, who was a resident of Metamora, this state, for some years, but after marriage moved to Peoria and was connected with the

Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad for twenty years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fairchilds are deceased. Addie, who became the wife of George Weber, of Peoria, is also deceased, and Mr. Weber now resides in California. Mary became the wife of Charles Bratton and they made their home for many years in Florida, where they passed away. Henry, who was engaged in farming at Metamora and never married, is deceased. Barbara, deceased, was the wife of William Frey, of Denver, Colorado, who now resides in Los Angeles, California. Josie is the wife of Leslie Riddle, of Minier, Tazewell county, Illinois, who is engaged in stock-raising, and they became the parents of seven children, one of whom, Harry, lost his life in action in France during the World war. Harry Riddle Post, A. L., of Minier, Illinois, was named in his honor.

Edward C. Blonts, the other member of the family, attended the public schools of Metamora, graduating from high school in 1901. He then engaged in railroading, serving for nine years as a telegraph operator. Subsequently he spent a period of seven years in the service of the Avery Manufacturing Company of Peoria and thereafter became connected with the Caterpillar Tractor Company, with which he has continued to the present time. Through his faithful and efficient service he received deserved promotions and now holds the position of superintendent of maintenance of the Combine division. He is a capable executive and has had a splendid record with this company.

On June 17, 1907, Mr. Blonts was united in marriage to Miss Iva Putnam, who was born in St. Cloud, Minnesota, her parents being Charles and Elizabeth Putnam, the latter a native of Canada. On her father's side she is a direct descendant of General Israel Putnam, of Revolutionary fame. Mr. and Mrs. Blonts are the parents of two children, Edward C., Jr., born June 2, 1915, and James, born May 29, 1918, both of whom are attending school.

Mr. Blonts has been actively interested in local public affairs, having served as a member of the grammar school board. In 1926 he was appointed city commissioner, in which position he served one year, and in 1927 was elected to that office for a four-year term. He is a member of Hilton Lodge, No. 1143, A. F. & A. M., of East Peoria; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed



Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Peoria; and East Peoria Lodge, I. O. O. F. Mrs. Blonts is a member of the Daughters of Rebekah and the Royal Neighbors. Mr. Blonts and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and they reside in a beautiful and substantial new brick residence which Mr. Blonts completed in 1929. It is situated at 118 Pekin avenue and commands a splendid view of East Peoria and the Illinois river.

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### WILHELMINA JOHANNA BAUCH

Wilhelmina Johanna Bauch, who is making a splendid record in the office of county superintendent of schools in Pike county, to which she was elected in August, 1927, has been actively identified with educational interests in this county for more than two decades. She was born in Brown county, Illinois, November 18, 1890, the daughter of Adolph and Anna Regina (Heck) Bauch. In the late '50s her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bauch, had emigrated to the United States from Germany, in which country three children had been born to them. The first child born to them in America was Adolph Bauch, who first opened his eyes to the light of day on a farm near Pittsfield, Pike county, Illinois, May 1, 1859. He has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active career and lived for a time in Brown county but subsequently returned to Pike county. He takes a helpful interest in the affairs of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he belongs, and gives his political support to the democratic party. Adolph Bauch is a man of the highest integrity, genial and companionable by nature, and has an extensive circle of warm friends. In early manhood he married Anna Regina Heck, who was born in Pike county, Illinois, December 9, 1864, her parents being Charles and Wilhelmina (Knolte) Heck, natives of Germany, who were married in Pike county, this state, and were farming people. Like her husband, Mrs. Adolph Bauch is a democrat in politics and also belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally she is affiliated with the Rebekahs. A progressive and unusually capable woman, she manifests a keen interest in affairs of gen-

eral import, is a stanch champion of the cause of education and is above all else a devoted wife and mother. She greatly enjoys the society of her many friends and is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community in which she resides. Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Bauch have a son and a daughter, the former being Roy Elton, who was born in Brown county, Illinois, August 12, 1888, pursued a high school course in Pittsfield and is a graduate of a veterinary college of Kansas City. He is now a resident of Knoxville, Tennessee, where he has charge of a veterinary sanitarium.

Wilhelmina Johanna Bauch has been active as an educator since her graduation from the Pittsfield high school in the fall of 1909. She was a teacher at Summer Hill, Illinois, until the spring of 1911, served as school principal there from the fall of 1911 until the spring of 1912, and next attended the Western Illinois State Teachers College at Macomb from the fall of 1912 to the spring of 1913. For a period of about three years, from the fall of 1913 to the spring of 1916, she taught the grade school at Pittsfield, Illinois, and then served as high school principal at Hull, Illinois, from the fall of 1916 until the spring of 1917. During the two succeeding years, from the fall of 1917 until the spring of 1919, she was school superintendent at Hull, while from the fall of 1919 until the spring of 1927 she was an English teacher in the Pittsfield high school. On the 1st of August, 1927, she was elected county superintendent of schools in Pike county, which position she has filled most acceptably to the present time. She is a member of the Illinois State Teachers Association and the National Education Association.

Miss Bauch exercises her right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democratic party. She is a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has been a Sunday school teacher for several years, is superintendent of the junior department of the Sunday school and manifests an active interest in church clubs. She is past noble grand of the local lodge of Rebekahs and also has membership in the Pittsfield Study Club, the Fortnightly Club and the Business and Professional Women's Club, at one time serving as president of the last named organization. She belongs to the Red Cross and is

a member of the Greek letter society Kappa Delta Pi. Miss Bauch has a deep and inherited love of music, is fond of wholesome outdoor sports and also finds delight in instructive reading, being partial to books on economic and political questions. Travel likewise affords her keen pleasure. She is active in affairs of town and county, is particularly interested in school work and has proved most efficient in the office of county school superintendent. The circle of her friends is almost coextensive with the circle of her acquaintance.

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### LAWRENCE D. GREGORY

Lawrence D. Gregory, who has held the office of county clerk of Marshall county for the past seventeen years, has been a very careful and efficient public official and has earned the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens. He was born in Whitefield township, Marshall county, Illinois, and is a son of Harrison J. and Susan E. (Duffield) Gregory, both of whom were born in this state. The paternal grandfather, John Gregory, was a native of Ohio, whence he migrated to Illinois in 1848, being one of the pioneers of the locality in which he settled, and there he died at the age of seventy years. Harrison J. Gregory, the father of Lawrence D. Gregory, moved to Henry, Illinois, in 1883 and engaged in the grocery business, which he conducted successfully until 1919, when he retired from active pursuits, but continued to live at that place until his death, which occurred June 29, 1924. He was a republican in politics and took an active part in local public affairs, having served as county supervisor, mayor and city treasurer of Henry. His widow, who still resides at Henry, is an earnest member of the Presbyterian Church, and is also active in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of which she is a past president. To Mr. and Mrs. Gregory were born four children, namely: John, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Lawrence D., of this review; Harrison H., of Depue, Illinois; and Marie C., who is the wife of Harry Snell, of Princeton, Illinois.

Lawrence D. Gregory graduated from the high school at Henry in 1900, after which he was with his father in the grocery



store until 1906, when he became collector of the canal lock at Henry. He held that position until November, 1914, when he was elected to the office of county clerk on the republican ticket and, by repeated reelections, has thus served to the present time.

In 1905 Mr. Gregory was united in marriage to Miss Lena Stubbles, of Henry, a daughter of James D. and Helena (Hubblet) Stubbles. Her father, who was a republican, moved to Springfield and held a political position under Secretary of State Rose. He died in July, 1914, and his wife passed away in 1923. There were five children born to that union, namely: George; Lena; Ethel, now Mrs. Powell; Hazel, now Mrs. Hobbs; and Zella.

Mr. Gregory has always supported the republican party and has been prominent in its councils. He is a member of Henry Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Henry Chapter, R. A. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. During the World war he was, through the office of county clerk, actively engaged in the various local war measures, serving on numerous committees. He possesses the sterling qualities of the Scotch race, from which he is descended, his family having been established in this country in the early days of the republic, and his citizenship has been of a type which has gained for him a high place in public esteem.

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### ROSCOE HERGET

One of the leading and most successful lawyers of Peoria is Roscoe Herget, who has been engaged in practice here for the past eighteen years. He was born in Peoria on the 17th of August, 1888, and is a son of John M. and Minnie B. (Gebhardt) Herget. His father was born in Hergershausen, Bavaria, Germany, and came to this country when fourteen years of age, going direct to Pekin, Illinois, where two of his uncles, John and George Herget, were located and engaged in the grocery and distilling business, as well as in banking. After working for these uncles for several years, Mr. Herget came to Peoria, where he engaged in the retail grocery business, later turning his atten-

tion to real estate and loans. His death occurred on January 17, 1917. The mother, who is still living in Peoria, was born and reared here and is a daughter of Theodore and Christina Gebhardt, both of whom were natives of Germany. Her father was one of the pioneers in the meat packing business in this community and helped organize the firm of Godel & Gebhardt, now E. Godel & Sons. On coming to this country Theodore and Christina Gebhardt located in Peoria, where they spent the remaining years of their lives. To John M. and Minnie B. Herget were born seven children, three of whom died in infancy, while four survive. Walter L., of El Paso, Texas, is married and has two daughters, Henrietta and Imogene, both of whom are married. Lionel, who is engaged in the retail jewelry business in Phoenix, Arizona, married Fern Eastwood, of Plymouth, Indiana, and they have two children, Mardell and Virginia. Russell, who is the owner of the Herget Jewelry Company of Peoria, makes his home with his mother.

Roscoe Herget, the other member of the family, attended the public schools of Peoria. He then became a special student at the Illinois Wesleyan University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in June, 1913. When in college he became a member of Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Delta Phi. In October, 1913, he was admitted to the bar and at once entered upon the practice of his profession with the law firm of Stevens, Miller & Elliott, with whom he remained for three years, after which he was associated with Judge L. O. Eagleton for ten years. He practiced alone for one year, after which he and George Z. Barnes organized the firm of Herget & Barnes, and a year later, on August 1, 1929, the firm became Herget & Hoffman, his partner being Harry B. Hoffman, a prominent and able attorney from Mackinaw, Illinois. The firm occupies offices at 1132-33 Jefferson building and is engaged in general civil practice.

On September 14, 1921, Mr. Herget was united in marriage to Miss Mary Lilly Kendall, who was born at Farmer City, De Witt county, this state, and is a daughter of Mayor John W. and Ida M. (Ijams) Kendall, the former of whom is a retired agriculturist and banker of Farmer City. Mr. and Mrs. Herget are

the parents of two daughters: Minnie Martha, born August 8, 1923; and Jacqueline, born October 13, 1925.

Mr. Herget is a member of Illinois Lodge, No. 263, A. F. & A. M.; Central City Chapter, No. 42, Order of Eastern Star; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; the Creve Coeur Club, the Peoria University Club, the Peoria Optimist Club, the Peoria Advertising and Selling Club and the Boys of the Old White School. In 1909 he helped organize the Better Business Bureau of Peoria and is now serving his eleventh year as its counsel. He has been for fifteen years a director and counsel of the Peoria Merchants Association, is also a director of the Associated Charities and Philanthropies of Peoria and has been chairman of its legal committee for more than five years. He served for two years as secretary of the Peoria Bar Association. His military record covers two years as a member of the Illinois National Guard. He maintains professional affiliation with the Peoria Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He confines his practice to general civil law and has been distinctively successful, being numbered among the able and trustworthy lawyers of Peoria. His home is on Grand View drive.

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#### ASTORIA DISTRICT SCHOOL No. 187

One of the most progressive district schools in Fulton county is No. 187, at Astoria, of which Thomas W. Everett is the principal. A school was established here in very early days, the first schoolhouse, which was constructed of logs, in the typical style of that period, having been erected in 1838. In this building the first teacher was Martin Fast. The second building, a frame structure, was erected on the lot of T. E. Toler in 1850, while a decade later another frame building, known as the West school, was erected on the present school site. In 1866 a new building, known as the East school, was erected on the home place of Israel Baker. These schools were eventually consolidated and a grade school was erected in 1879. Five years later, in 1884, a new



brick building was erected which in 1917 was replaced by the present three-story, brick, semi-fireproof structure, which in all essential respects is modern in its arrangements and equipment. On the first floor is to be found the gymnasium, seating two hundred and fifty people, the commercial department, the janitor's room and the heating plant. On the second floor are recitation rooms, the domestic science laboratory and the office of the superintendent, and on the third floor are the science laboratory, the library, the assembly room and recitation rooms. There are six teachers in the high school and six in the grammar grades. There are one hundred and forty-six pupils, and this school has the very creditable record of sending thirty-two per cent of its graduates to higher institutions of learning. Sixty-six per cent of the high school pupils live outside of this district and pay tuition. There are one hundred and seventy-six pupils in the grades. The present building, which covers about three-fourths of a block, was erected at a cost of forty-one thousand dollars, and the school is accredited by the University of Illinois. The district has ever been alert and eager to keep its educational facilities up to the highest possible standard of excellence.

In 1930 a band was formed in the school, its thirty-six members, comprising boys and girls, coming from both high school and grades, and its work has been very creditable. There is also a school chorus of boys and girls. A proper share of attention is given to school athletics, particularly to track, basket-ball and football. The "Purple and Gold" is a very ably edited paper issued bi-monthly by the student body. The entire community is interested in its school and fine cooperation exists between school board, superintendent and patrons. The members of the Astoria school board are as follows: James Baldry, clerk; Verne Price, R. C. McClelland, Keith Switzer, Arthur Wherley, Arleigh Wright and Harvey Etter.

Thomas W. Everett, the efficient and popular superintendent of the Astoria schools, was born in Prairie City, Illinois, February 4, 1871, and is a son of John and Eliza (Hillard) Everett. He graduated from the Prairie City high school in 1890, and has for many years been engaged in educational work in this state. He has served as high school principal and superintendent of

schools at La Harpe, Bushnell and Biggsville. In 1928 he came to his present position, which he has filled in a very capable manner and to the entire satisfaction of the people of this community. He is a graduate of the Western Illinois State Teachers College at Macomb, Illinois, and is now working for his Master degree.

On the 17th of June, 1902, Mr. Everett was married to Miss Lola Alice Purdy, of Spencer, Iowa, who was a teacher prior to her marriage, and is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Everett are the parents of two daughters: Carol, who is the wife of Clarence Vanderhamm, of Ireton, Iowa; and Helen, who is a teacher in the public schols of Pekin, Illinois.

Mr. Everett gives his political support to the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. Professionally he is a member of the Illinois State Teachers Association, being president of the western district of that organization, and of the Schoolmasters Club of Fulton county. He is a constant and studious reader of educational literature, keeping in close touch with advanced methods in his profession, and has had a very successful and creditable career. He is kindly and sympathetic in his relations with the student body, by whom he is held in high regard, and throughout the community he is greatly respected for his ability and character.

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### JOHN H. BALL

One of the leading business men of Peoria is John H. Ball, vice president of the American Milling Company, who has shown marked ability and judgment in all of his affairs. He was born in Waverly, Ohio, on the 4th of December, 1878, and is a son of Frank G. and Mary (Goes) Ball. On the paternal side his family was originally from Virginia and was related to Mary Ball, mother of George Washington, and in both lines of descent he comes from Revolutionary stock. His father was born in Springfield, Illinois, in 1845, subsequently became a resident of

Waverly, Ohio, and about 1879 went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he conducted a wholesale grocery business and owned a cigar factory. He lived in that city for many years, but now resides in Spencer, Iowa, at the age of eighty-six years. His wife, Mrs. Mary (Goes) Ball, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, April 18, 1848, and is living at the age of eighty-three years. To them were born four children. Lillian, who has passed away, was the wife of W. O. Falk, also deceased, and the mother of a son, Frank W., who is engaged in the grain business in Duluth, Minnesota, and is married and has a daughter, Miriam. Emma is the wife of R. M. Hicks, a wholesale grocer of Spencer, Iowa, and has a daughter, Margaret. Arthur G. Ball, a building contractor of Beverly Hills, California, is married and has three children.

John H. Ball, the other member of the family, was about one year old when his parents moved from Waverly, Ohio, to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he attended the public schools, completing the high school course by graduation in 1896. He was next a student at Columbia College of Minneapolis for three years and then accepted a position as bookkeeper in that city, which line of work he followed for eighteen months. Going then to Duluth, he engaged in the grain commission business and was a resident of that city for eighteen years. On January 15, 1919, he came to Peoria and became identified with the American Milling Company, of which organization he is now the vice president. In 1929 the American Milling Company of Peoria and the McMillen Company of Fort Wayne, Indiana, were merged and Mr. Ball is vice president of the Allied Mills, Inc., of Chicago.

On June 18, 1903, Mr. Ball was united in marriage to Miss Mary Bagley, a native of Chilton, Wisconsin, and a daughter of Harmon and Anna Bagley, and they are the parents of four children. John H., Jr., born June 24, 1904, who is connected with the American Milling Company at Peoria, married Miss Frances Coffman and they have one child, Robert. Lionel Colt, born in 1908, is also with the American Milling Company. Betty, born in 1910, is the wife of Lyman Baker, who is manager of and owns an interest in the Robins Nest Farm, one of the best certified stock and dairy farms in this section of the state. Mary Alice, born in 1911, is in high school. Mr. Ball is a member of



the Peoria Country Club and he and his family attend the First Congregational Church. For three years he was a member of Company M, National Guard of Minnesota, at Minneapolis. He is a man of strong character and estimable personal qualities and, though his business affairs make heavy demand on his time, he stands ever ready to contribute of his efforts and influence for the promotion of the material, civic and moral welfare of his adopted city.

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### HON. FREDERICK O. MERCER

Frederick O. Mercer, though still a young man, has a splendid record of professional achievement, being numbered among the leading members of the bar of Fulton county, and as judge of the county court is rendering a service which has gained for him the uniform respect of his fellowmen. He was born at Vermont, Fulton county, on the 11th day of March, 1901, and is a son of Abraham Lincoln and Martha (Witchell) Mercer, both of whom were natives of this county, the latter dying in 1905. Abraham Mercer is a bridge foreman on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, for which company he has worked for forty-six years. He is a man of splendid character and high standing in the community.

Frederick O. Mercer attended the public schools of Vermont and the Champaign high school, graduating from the latter in 1919. The same year he entered the University of Illinois, where he took two years of pre-legal work in liberal arts and sciences. He then entered the law school of the university, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, in 1924. He was admitted to the bar and entered law practice in Canton. In 1925 he was appointed assistant state's attorney, which office he held for two years. In November, 1926, he was elected to the bench of the county court of Fulton county, which position he is filling in a very able manner, and is reputed to be the youngest judge of a court of record in the United States. His decisions have been characterized by their clarity and soundness of reasoning, as well as for a high sense of justice, and his judicial record has been



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uniformly commended by the members of the bar of this county.

On May 13, 1927, Judge Mercer was united in marriage to Miss Melba Lenore Hamilton, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Hamilton, of Vermont, Illinois. Their only child died in infancy. The Judge is a member of Vermont Lodge, No. 116, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Peoria; the Order of the Eastern Star; Canton Lodge, B. P. O. E.; the Modern Woodmen of America; and the Knights of Pythias. He also belongs to the Phi Delta Phi law fraternity and the Kiwanis Club of Lewistown. He maintains professional affiliation with the Fulton County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He gives his political support to the republican party. A man of sterling character and splendid personality, he has long enjoyed the respect of his fellowmen and in his career has honored the noblest traditions of his profession.

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### EARL SHRIVER GRIGSBY

Earl Shriver Grigsby is a well known representative of financial interests in Pike county as cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Pittsfield, with which institution he has thus been officially identified during the past eighteen years. He was born in Newburg township, Pike county, Illinois, November 28, 1887, a son of Elmer E. and Viola C. (Shriver) Grigsby. His paternal grandfather, Strother Grigsby, came to Illinois from Virginia. Elmer E. Grigsby, the father of Earl S. Grigsby, was born in Pike county, Illinois, October 4, 1861, was a graduate of Brown's Business College of Jacksonville, this state, and a well educated, well read man for his day. He devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits throughout his active life with excellent success and was a stockholder in the Farmers State Bank for a number of years. He gave his political support to the republican party, was a consistent member of the Congregational Church and fraternally was affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. Though somewhat reserved in disposition, he nevertheless attracted to himself a wide circle of warm friends who deeply re-

gretted his loss when he passed away on the 11th of March, 1926. In 1886 he married Viola C. Shriver, who was born in Newburg township, Pike county, Illinois, August 29, 1863, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. George Shriver, who left Ohio to take up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Illinois. Mrs. Viola Grigsby is an active member of the Congregational Church and is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community in which she has always lived.

In the acquirement of an education Earl S. Grigsby attended the grammar and high schools of Pittsfield and pursued a commercial course at Springfield, Illinois. His initial business training was received as an employe in his uncle's grocery store at Detroit, Illinois, whence he came to Pittsfield to enter the Farmers State Bank, with which institution he has been continuously connected to the present time. He was made teller of the bank on the 18th of April, 1913, became assistant cashier on the 30th of April following and on the 5th of July, 1916, was advanced to his present position of cashier. As the active officer of the institution he has contributed in substantial measure to its steady expansion and growth and has become widely recognized as one of the able and successful bankers of this part of the state.

On the 5th of October, 1905, Mr. Grigsby was united in marriage to Helen Matthews Lewis, who was born in Pittsfield, Illinois, October 28, 1888, her parents being Frank M. and Florence G. (Matthews) Lewis. She is descended from early Illinois families that produced men of prominence in the pioneer development of the state; the names of Ross, Matthews and Barney are closely interwoven with the history of Pike county, in the organization of which they played an important part. Colonel Benjamin Barney, whose forefathers came to America on the Mayflower, left Berkshire, Massachusetts, for Pike county, Illinois, in 1826. Colonel William Ross, great-grandfather of Mrs. Grigsby, came to this county from Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and named the town of Pittsfield, Illinois, for his old home town in the east. He was acknowledged Pike county's leading pioneer and made valuable contribution to the advancement and progress of his town and county. Colonel A. C. Matthews, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Grigsby, served in the Civil war as colonel of the Ninety-

ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was a successful attorney of Pittsfield and also figured prominently in public affairs, making a splendid record as speaker of the house in the Illinois general assembly and as comptroller of the currency under Harrison. Later he served as internal revenue collector for Illinois. Frank M. Lewis, father of Mrs. Grigsby, was born August 27, 1861, and became a successful merchant of Pittsfield, known throughout Pike county as a progressive and reliable business man, a public-spirited citizen and kind-hearted gentleman. He was a republican in politics and fraternally was affiliated with the Royal Arch Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His death occurred August 27, 1928. On the 25th of May, 1882, he married Florence G. Matthews, who was born January 8, 1860, and is still living. Their daughter, Mrs. Helen Grigsby, pursued her education in the grade and high schools of Pittsfield and also attended the Conservatory of Music of Illinois College at Jacksonville. She taught music prior to her marriage and for twenty years played the organ in the Congregational Church of which she is a member. She is a very active worker in the local ranks of the republican party and gives her support to progressive movements in county and state. She was an organizer and officer of the Pike county republican committee, is president of the Illinois department of the Woman's Relief Corps and was elected trustee of the University of Illinois in 1920 and reelected in 1926. Her name is on the membership rolls of the Illinois Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Daughters of the Revolution, the White Shrine, the Eastern Star, the P. E. O. and other organizations of a social nature. She is much interested in the study of political questions, finds pleasure in the reading of instructive literature, is a lover of music and is fond of travel. She is thoroughly alive to the questions and issues of the day, enjoys social contacts and is deservedly popular throughout the state, having an enviable reputation as a woman who accomplishes what she undertakes. By her marriage she has two children: Florence, born July 27, 1910, who is a junior at the University of Illinois; and Lewis, born August 7, 1921, who is attending school in Pittsfield.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr.



Grigsby has supported the men and measures of the republican party, believing its principles most conducive to good government. He is treasurer of the Lions Club and a member of its board and also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational Church. Moreover, Mr. Grigsby is a popular member of the Pittsfield Country Club, for his is a pleasing personality that readily attracts friends. He is fond of athletics and is a student reader with a large fund of general information.

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### FARMERS STATE BANK OF PITTSFIELD

This institution was granted an organization permit December 19, 1888, and on the 26th of January, 1889, was organized as the Pittsfield Bank, with a capital stock of thirty thousand dollars, by Lewis Dutton, John Hull, Samuel L. Morgan and Ross Matthews. The first officers were as follows: Lewis Dutton, president; John Hull, vice president; Ross Matthews, cashier; and S. L. Morgan, assistant cashier. On the 9th of June, 1891, the name was changed to the Farmers State Bank.

The bank site was originally owned by Colonel William Ross, a pioneer of Pike county, who deeded the lot to his daughter, Mrs. A. C. Matthews, wife of the comptroller of currency. Mrs. Matthews in turn deeded the property to her daughter, Mrs. John Hull, who sold it to the bank. In the beginning the institution occupied only the east half of the lot, but at the time of rebuilding in May, 1914, the west half was also utilized and new fixtures and furniture were installed.

The first officers held their respective positions until April 18, 1913, when the official personnel was changed as follows: Ross Matthews, president; S. L. Morgan, vice president; James R. Easley, cashier; H. S. Miller, assistant cashier; and Earl Grigsby, teller. The last named was made assistant cashier on the 30th of April, 1913. Paul Coley became connected with the bank in the capacity of teller on the 1st of January, 1914, and Russell Carey became teller on March 27, 1915. On May 1, 1915, Ross

Matthews resigned as president and S. L. Morgan was elected to take his place. At that date A. R. Foreman was made vice president, C. A. Foreman was assistant cashier and Ross Matthews became the cashier of the bank. The other employes were retained, holding the same positions. On the 7th of January, 1916, S. L. Morgan was again chosen to the presidency, being succeeded on the 5th of July, 1916, by Ross Matthews, who was re-elected the executive head of the institution, while Earl Grigsby became cashier. H. S. Miller was chosen assistant cashier October 29, 1917, and on the 10th of January, 1918, with the resignation of Mr. Matthews, A. R. Foreman assumed the official position of president. Paul F. Grote was elected vice president on the 2d of February, 1918, while Mrs. George C. Weaver became teller on May 18, 1918, and Margaret Coley was employed as bookkeeper on July 26, 1918. The above changes were made necessary by reason of the fact that some of the employes had enlisted for service in the World war. On January 20, 1920, W. E. Williams was elected president and John Siegle was made vice president, with Paul Coley and Russell Carey as assistant cashiers. On July 31, 1920, Miss Margaret Durr was employed to replace Margaret Coley, who had resigned. Mr. Williams resigned the presidency and A. R. Foreman again became the head of the bank on the 8th of January, 1921. H. D. Anderson was employed September 12, 1922, to take the place of Mr. Miller, who was ill. On the 27th of January, 1927, Earl McKnight was elected assistant cashier. Mary E. Robinson was employed as bookkeeper on June 1, 1926. The election of officers on the 2d of January, 1928, resulted as follows: A. Clay Williams, president; John Siegle, vice president; Earl Grigsby, cashier; Paul Coley and Earl McKnight, assistant cashiers; Margaret Durr, teller; and Mary Robinson, teller. George C. Weaver became vice president on January 10, 1929, at which date O. H. Nicholson and E. H. Rhodes were employed.

The Farmers State Bank was the first state bank organized under the state laws of Illinois that continued in existence until 1929 and has enjoyed a steady and substantial growth to the present time. Its capital stock is one hundred thousand dollars. The official personnel of the institution at this writing is as fol-

lows: A. Clay Williams, president; George C. Weaver, vice president; Earl Grigsby, cashier; Paul Coley, assistant cashier; Margaret Durr, teller; O. H. Nicholson, teller; and Mary E. Robinson, bookkeeper. The directors are A. Clay Williams, George C. Weaver, Henry Strauss, S. E. Carnes, A. Ross Shaw and Earl Grigsby.

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### GEORGE MAURICE THOMPSON

George Maurice Thompson, who has been connected with the post office at Rushville for a period of eleven years and figures prominently in the affairs of the American Legion as county commander, was born February 18, 1898, in the town where he still resides. A scion of a southern family, he is a grandson of Samuel Thompson, who was born in Rising Sun, Cecil county, Maryland, in 1800 and journeyed to Illinois when a young man of thirty-two years, casting his lot with the early settlers of Schuyler county. On the home farm in this county his son, Edward E. Thompson, was born February 20, 1862, and also became an agriculturist, likewise acting as an auctioneer. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Church and his political support was given to the republican party. He took an active part in county politics and was appointed deputy sheriff. Mr. Thompson was an ardent champion of the cause of prohibition and was shot and killed by a bootlegger July 1, 1919, while discharging his duties in the first search and seizure raid in Schuyler county. Throughout life he was a hard worker and had many friends in the county who knew him to be fearless, honest and sincere. In 1884 he had married Ethelen Kelly, who was born in Schuyler county, Illinois, April 11, 1863, a daughter of James and Mary (Roberts) Kelly. Her father, a cooper and farmer, removed to this part of the state from Hardin county, Illinois, in an early day. Mrs. Thompson now lives with one of her sons in Frederick, this state, and has membership in the Free Methodist Church. She is the mother of ten children: William Benton, who was born April 2, 1886, and lives in Denver, Illinois; James Samuel, who was born in October, 1887, and makes his home in Paragould,



Arkansas; Roy, who was born March 16, 1889, and is numbered among the prosperous agriculturists of Hamilton, Illinois; Claude, who was born February 3, 1892, and is engaged in farming near Pleasant View, Illinois; Harold, who was born November 3, 1894, and lives in Rushville; Leslie, who was born December 19, 1895, and is cultivating a farm in this state; George Maurice; Albert, who was born April 9, 1900, and is one of the progressive agriculturists of Schuyler county; Charles, who was born April 17, 1902, and is a linotype operator at Beardstown, Illinois; and Mary, who was born November 3, 1904, and is now Mrs. Dallas Rondaloush, of Abingdon, Illinois.

George M. Thompson pursued his studies in Rushville until graduated from high school as a member of the class of 1914 and remained on the home farm until the 21st of January, 1918, when he enlisted for service in the World war. He was sent to Fort Myer, Virginia, where he joined the first gas regiment that was attached to the original engineering corps, and left Hoboken, New Jersey, February 29, 1918, on a transport bound for Le Havre, France. Later he was sent to Chaumont, France, where his regiment made its headquarters until July 1, 1918. He participated in the Argonne, Chateau Thierry and St. Mihiel drives and while ill with influenza was in a hospital at Vichy. Leaving France, January 24, 1919, he arrived in this country February 2d and on the 19th of the month was mustered out of the service. For about a year he traveled throughout the United States and since 1920 has been a mail clerk at Rushville, performing his work with thoroughness, accuracy and speed and thus contributing toward the efficient operation of the post office here.

Mr. Thompson was married December 6, 1921, to Miss Lora Katherine Potter, who was born in Oakland township, Schuyler county, March 16, 1900. She is a daughter of U. G. and Mary (Gorsage) Potter, the latter a member of one of the old families of Browning township, Schuyler county. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson own one of the desirable homes in Rushville and their two children are: Maurice, who was born November 27, 1923; and Mary Alice, born April 19, 1927.

Fraternally Mr. Thompson is identified with the Masonic

order and the Eastern Star and has held office in both organizations. His wife has official connection with the local chapter of the Eastern Star, is an earnest member of the Christian Church, and votes with the republican party. Knowing the value of outdoor sports, Mr. Thompson plays golf and baseball in his leisure hours and also enjoys hunting and fishing trips. From the time of the formation of the American Legion he has been active in its affairs and is one of the charter members of the organization. From 1925 until 1927 he was commander of the local post and at present is its historian. Formerly he occupied the office of vice commander and is now serving as county commander. He has been loyal to every cause which he has espoused and faithful to every duty and obligation in life and is a young man of substantial worth, esteemed and respected by all who know him.

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#### GUY JEROME HALL, M. D.

Smithfield is fortunate in having as its mayor a man of the type of Dr. Guy Jerome Hall, who had made an excellent record as alderman before entering upon the duties of this office and thoroughly understands the needs and requirements of the municipality. Professionally he is also well known and has had broad experience as a physician and surgeon. He was born in Cherry Valley, Winnebago county, Illinois, April 15, 1888, and is a scion of a Welsh family that was established in America in colonial days.

Seth E. Hall, the father of Dr. Hall, was born in Chenango county, New York, and acquired his education in the east. Journeying westward to Illinois, he settled in Cherry Valley, where he spent the remainder of his life, and was widely known as a nurseryman and landscape gardener. An expert in his line of work, he platted many parks and playgrounds throughout the county and did much to enhance the natural beauty of that section of the state. His business was carefully and wisely managed and assumed large proportions. Courageous and efficient, he rendered valuable aid to the Union forces during the Civil

war as a secret service operative, although he never enlisted, and in times of peace he was equally loyal and patriotic. He gave his political support to the republican party and was keenly interested in civic affairs. Fraternally he was a Mason and his religious views were in harmony with the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church. He was a keen sportsman and greatly enjoyed hunting and fishing trips but never neglected his business interests. By nature he was genial, sincere and kindly and was affectionately termed "Dad" by his many friends. He married Miss Fayette McNair, whose forbears came to this country from Scotland. Mrs. Hall occupies the home in Cherry Valley and her many admirable qualities have made her greatly beloved by all with whom she has been associated. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Royal Neighbors and the Eastern Star. To Mr. and Mrs. Hall were born seven children: Guy; Mary, at home; Flora, deceased; John, a mining engineer, who lives in Oregon; Seth, of Rockford, Illinois; Fred, who is also at home; and Frank, a resident of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dr. Hall obtained his early instruction in Cherry Valley and in 1903 completed a course in the high school at Rockford, working in his father's nursery during vacation periods. In the fall of 1903 he matriculated in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at St. Louis, Missouri, and there pursued his studies until his graduation with the class of 1909. He spent one year in the City Hospital and a similar period in the City Insane Hospital at St. Louis and then returned to Illinois, locating at Durand, where he engaged in general practice for a year. Going to Keokuk, Iowa, he followed his profession in that city until 1917, when he enlisted for service in the World war, and was commissioned a lieutenant in the medical corps of the United States Army. He was sent to Fort Riley, Kansas, and soon afterward was transferred to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, where he remained until the signing of the armistice. When mustered out of the service he returned to Keokuk but after a short time left Iowa and opened an office in Smithfield. Here he has since been located and is accounted one of the leading physicians in this part of Fulton county.

Dr. Hall was married March 4, 1925, to Miss Edna Brock, a daughter of Charles and Vada Brock, of Smithfield. Mrs. Hall



was born on the home farm September 15, 1894, and pursued her studies in the Smithfield schools. Both she and the Doctor are republicans and the latter has been active in town and county politics. He has served on the school board and for two years was a member of the board of aldermen. His influence is ever on the side of progress, reform and improvement and as mayor he is giving to Smithfield a progressive, efficient administration, working at all times for the best interests of the town. Motoring, fishing and hunting afford Dr. Hall relaxation and diversion. As a public official he has established an enviable reputation and stands equally high in his profession, keeping in close touch with its advancement through his membership in the Fulton County Medical Society and the Illinois State Medical Society.

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### GEORGE B. MURPHY

For many years George B. Murphy has been the proprietor of the Cuba House, making his private enterprise a public asset through the maintenance of a high standard of service, and has acceptably filled a number of public offices, including that of mayor. Born in Cuba, October 20, 1865, he is a son of Milton M. Murphy and a grandson of William and Margaret (Artman) Murphy, the former a native of Pennsylvania, while the latter was born in Kentucky. By wagon the grandparents of George B. Murphy journeyed to Illinois, coming to Fulton county in 1831, when this district was largely a wilderness. They settled in section 13, Cass township, one and a half miles from Cuba, locating on land granted by the government, and this tract, which has since been retained by the family, is now owned by Charles Murphy, a cousin of George B. Murphy. On this property William Murphy built a log house and through arduous labor he cleared the land and brought it under cultivation, remaining upon the farm until his death, which occurred about the year 1870. Like many of the early settlers in this region, he was an Indian fighter and served in the Black Hawk war. He cast his ballot for the candidates of the democratic party and was active in politics.

His son, Milton M. Murphy, was born on the home place January 13, 1838, and the schoolhouse which he attended was a primitive structure without a nail or window sash, the light being admitted through openings covered with glazed paper. He remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty and then began his independent career as an agriculturist. In 1863 he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in section 11, Cass township, and about 1880 acquired a tract of forty acres on section 12, in the same township. There he remained until 1892, cultivating the farm in summer, while during the winter months he mined coal. In 1892 he bought a lot in Cuba and here made his home until his death on the 19th of April, 1908, when he was seventy years of age. While engaged in farming he gave much thought and study to his work, constantly seeking new and improved methods of agriculture, and invented a three-row marker for planting corn. He was identified with the Masonic fraternity and the Order of the Eastern Star and his religious views were in accord with the doctrines of the Christian Church, of which he was a consistent member. An adherent of the democratic party, he took a keen interest in politics and figured prominently in public affairs. During the '90s he was an alderman of Cuba for one term and for sixteen years he was a justice of the peace in Cass township, while for a considerable period he was a member of the township school board, making a creditable record in each of these offices.

On the 19th of March, 1857, Mr. Murphy was married to Miss Clementine Murphy, who, like her husband, was of Irish ancestry, but although of the same name, they were not related. She was born February 15, 1840, a daughter of Solomon and Martha (McKinney) Murphy, who removed from Licking county, Ohio, to Fulton county, Illinois, in 1853, settling on a farm in Cass township. Mr. and Mrs. Milton M. Murphy were in the Chatsworth train wreck and barely escaped with their lives. Eighty-one passengers met death on this train, which was bound for Niagara Falls. Mrs. Murphy was a member of the Christian Church and also belonged to the Eastern Star. She attained the age of eighty-four years, passing away October 5, 1924. She had become the mother of nine children: Phoebe A.,

who was born October 20, 1857, became the wife of Frank Mosier, of Cuba, and was summoned by death January 22, 1921; Martha, who was born February 5, 1859, and in young womanhood married Ephraim Brown, of Cuba, who is now deceased, while she has also passed away; Emma E., who was born January 2, 1861, and is the deceased wife of George Deakin, of Cuba, who has also departed this life; Frank L., who was born March 25, 1863, and died November 16, 1881, when a youth of eighteen years; George B.; William S., who was born November 4, 1866, and is living in Cuba, this state; Eddie Ross, who was born October 30, 1870, and resides in Bryant, Illinois; Elliott, who was born August 21, 1873, and makes his home in Bonaparte, Iowa; and Cyrus A., who was born June 13, 1875, and lives in Canton, Illinois.

George B. Murphy pursued his education in rural schools of Cass township and remained at home until he reached the age of twenty-three years. He then located in Cuba, where he began the manufacture of brick, and was thus engaged for sixteen years, turning out a high-grade product, for which there was a steady demand. In 1905 he sold the plant and purchased the Cuba House, which he remodeled and enlarged. This hostelry he conducted until 1914, when he removed to Peoria, Illinois, and was there engaged in the grocery business for two years. In 1917 he returned to Cuba and again took charge of the hotel, which he has since managed successfully. His house is efficiently and profitably conducted and affords everything that is most desirable in hotel accommodations and service. Mr. Murphy is a popular host, studying closely the wishes of his patrons and putting forth every effort to promote the comfort and well-being of those who are his guests. As a speculative builder he has done much to improve and develop Cuba, erecting thirty-five substantial and attractive modern homes, which he has sold to advantage, and is a sagacious, farsighted business man who carries forward to completion everything that he undertakes.

On the 1st of September, 1889, Mr. Murphy was married to Miss Mary Serena Bishop, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Waddle) Bishop. The last named was born in Mount Vernon, Ohio, in 1846 and in 1867 she was married in Illinois to



William Bishop, who also came to this state from Ohio. He made farming his life work and was called to his final rest November 5, 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop had three children, of whom Edward L., the owner of a farm near Cuba, is the eldest. He was born May 29, 1868, and was married to Nellie Dancy. They have five children: Edith Marie, who is the wife of Jacob Mayberry, of Bryant, Illinois; Edna Irma Brooks, born March 1, 1899; Harold Edwin, December 4, 1905; Ruth Irene Bernard, June 14, 1907; and Natalie Bernice Bishop, May 16, 1910. The other children of William and Elizabeth (Waddle) Bishop are: Mrs. George B. Murphy; and Mrs. Cordelia Read, who was born August 21, 1873, and is living in Alabama. Following the demise of her first husband Mrs. Bishop remarried, becoming the wife of Richard De Witt in 1877, and her demise occurred on the 5th of May, 1925, when she was seventy-nine years of age. Mr. and Mrs. De Witt were the parents of four children: Mrs. Priscilla R. Bryant, of Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Grace J. Moore, of Cuba, Illinois; Mrs. Cora E. Turner, who was born December 8, 1884, and passed away November 5, 1918; and Asher B. De Witt, who died in 1920.

Mrs. George B. Murphy was born in Putnam township, Fulton county, March 14, 1871, and was but two years old when her father died. She attended the district schools near her home and remained on the farm until her marriage. She has a millinery store in Cuba and also deals in ready-to-wear dresses, hosiery, notions and toilet articles, occupying a room in the Cuba House. Through capable management she has established a profitable business and is the owner of farm land in Fulton county which has a valuable deposit of mineral. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy have three children, of whom Ralph Edward, the eldest, was born September 29, 1891, in Cuba. He acquired his education in the local schools and went overseas with the Fifth Division, serving as corporal of his company. He married Miss Nellie Krantz, who was born July 22, 1905, and is a daughter of Benhard and Julia Krantz. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Murphy became the parents of five children: George Bishop; Benhard Edward, who was born January 20, 1924, and lived only eleven days; Kenneth Ralph, born June 6, 1926; Loren Ray, June 1, 1927; and Annabelle,

October 28, 1929. Hazel Ruby, the second child of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Murphy, was born July 22, 1892, and became the wife of John Dean Donaldson. They reside in Knoxville, Illinois, and have two children: George Dean; and Jean Dorothea, born May 13, 1918. The younger son, Oscar Raymond, was born August 31, 1895, and during the World war was identified with camp construction work in the United States. On October 7, 1917, he married Alice Nelson, while subsequently Edna Miller became his wife, and they now make their home in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. George B. Murphy are rearing the latter's niece, Wilma Louise Turner, an orphan whose parents were Herbert L. and Cora E. (De Witt) Turner. Her father was born February 22, 1868, and at his death on June 4, 1923, he was laid to rest in the Sanders Cemetery in Fulton county beside the mother, who had passed away five years previously. Wilma L. Turner was born January 28, 1913, and is attending the Cuba high school. She is also the owner of valuable farm property in Fulton county.

Mr. Murphy is clerk of the local camp of the Modern Woodmen of America and has passed through all of the chairs. Mrs. Murphy has occupied all of the local offices in the Royal Neighbors and the Rebekahs and she attends the Christian Church, while in politics she is a democrat. A lover of music, she prefers the piano to other instruments and plays for her own amusement and enjoyment. During the war Mr. Murphy was active in the various drives and his success in selling Liberty bonds won for him a medal from the government. He finds his recreation chiefly in fishing, hunting and travel. He has ever been an advocate of all manly outdoor sports and the local school teams can always count upon his timely assistance. A stalwart democrat, he is one of the local leaders of the party and has been the recipient of various public trusts, all of which have been capably and conscientiously discharged. In 1905 he assumed the duties of county road commissioner, acting in that capacity for three years. From 1908 until 1920 he was a justice of the peace and for six years he was a member of the school board. In 1921 he began his administration as mayor, retiring at the end of two years, but was recalled to the office in 1929, and it was during his last term that the streets of Cuba were paved. Through his influence other

municipal improvements were secured and his course as mayor was strongly commended, for he saw to it that the public funds were used for worthy ends. He has long been an ardent champion of good roads and is now chairman of the board of state and federal highway commissioners. His close study of public problems has enabled him to reach logical conclusions as to the value of any project or movement inaugurated and his labors have been just as effective and resultant in behalf of the public welfare as in the conduct of his individual business interests.

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### JESSE HALL

No citizen of East Peoria is held in higher regard than is Jesse Hall, not only for his business ability and success, but also for the high type of citizenship which he has exemplified and the splendid record which he made while serving as mayor of the city. He was born at Norris, Fulton county, Illinois, on the 22d of June, 1889, and is a son of William Henry and Emma (Hutton) Hall, of whom the former was a native of Kentucky and died in 1929, while the latter, who was born in New York state, is now living in East Peoria. To them were born seven children, namely: Howard, who is engaged in business in East Peoria; Sarah, the wife of W. D. Petri, of East Peoria, and the mother of four children, Russell, William, Edward and Roy; Jesse, of this review; Stephen, who was a farmer and died at the age of thirty-four years; and three who died in infancy.

Jesse Hall attended the public schools of East Peoria and at an early age went to work in shops and stores in that town. In 1924 he formed a partnership with W. D. Petri and engaged in the wholesale and retail oil business, which they carried on for four years, selling out in 1928. Mr. Hall then turned his attention to the real estate business, in which he has been very successful. He is also doing considerable building of homes, which he sells, and does general contracting and building. He is an energetic and enterprising man, fair and square in all of his dealings, and adheres closely to the highest business ethics.

Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Alvina Petri, who



was born and reared in East Peoria and is a daughter of Nicholas and Anna Petri. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are the parents of three children: Grace, Raymond and Jesse, Jr.

Mr. Hall has long shown a keen interest in public affairs and has served a term as alderman, while in 1919 he was elected mayor of East Peoria. So satisfactory was his administration of the municipal affairs that he was twice reelected, and his entire period of service was marked by conscientious desire to promote the public welfare. During his administration the city spent two millions of dollars in rebuilding that portion of East Peoria which had been devastated by the flood of May 7, 1927, and several millions more were spent in the building of new factories during the period of his official incumbency. Mr. Hall is a member of Peoria Lodge No. 15, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the Modern Woodmen of America. He possesses a splendid personality, is candid and straightforward in his manner and in his social relations is friendly and affable, being a popular member of the circles in which he moves.

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### ORIN L. McCORD

Orin L. McCord, president and general manager of the Illinois Mutual Casualty Company, is one of Peoria's progressive and capable business men and is especially active in civic, fraternal and church affairs of the city. He was born in Granville, Putnam county, Illinois, April 6, 1864, and is a son of Ninian A. and Susan E. (Child) McCord. His paternal grandfather, Dr. David S. McCord, was a lifelong resident of Bond county, Illinois, where he engaged in medical practice most successfully for many years. Ninian A. McCord, the father of O. L. McCord, was a native of Bond county, Illinois, born March 8, 1840, and passed away in Vermilion county, this state. He devoted a number of his earlier years to teaching school but later engaged in farming. Politically he was a republican, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Susan E. Child, was born in Granville, Putnam county, Illinois, May 23, 1842,



ORIN L. McCORD





and is now living in East Lynn, Vermilion county, this state, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. Her parents, David L. and Margaret (Dysart) Child, who were natives of Vermont and Pennsylvania, respectively, both died in Granville, Illinois. David L. Child devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits and was also a noted auctioneer.

Orin L. McCord was a lad of nine years when he accompanied his parents on their removal from Putnam county to Vermilion county, Illinois, where he attended the public schools and also assisted his father in the work of the home farm. When a young man of twenty he obtained a position as salesman in a retail clothing store at Danville, Illinois, where he was thus employed for a period of eighteen years. He was then elected treasurer of Vermilion county and served in that official position most acceptably during the succeeding four years, from 1902 to 1906. On his retirement he undertook the organization of the Illinois Mutual Casualty Company at Danville, which proved a successful institution, and in 1913 the association of Commerce of Peoria interested Mr. McCord in moving the home office of the company to the latter city. In the executive capacity of president and general manager Mr. McCord has devoted his attention and efforts to building the company up to the splendid position which it now holds among organizations of its kind. The company issues accident policies and combination accident and health policies. Mr. McCord is also a director of the Springfield Life Insurance Company, a legal reserve life insurance company with home office at Springfield, Illinois.

On the 15th of December, 1885, in East Lynn, Illinois, Mr. McCord was united in marriage to Miss Ella M. Barnes, a native of White county, Indiana. They are the parents of a daughter and two sons, namely: Mrs. Stella Mayhugh of Fort Worth, Texas; Edwin A., practicing attorney of Fort Worth, Texas; and Clarence A., vice president of the Illinois Mutual Casualty Company.

Mr. McCord affiliated himself with the Methodist denomination forty years ago and is now a member of the First Methodist Church of Peoria. He also belongs to the Young Men's Christian Association and fraternally is identified with the

Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Woodmen and the Masons, having membership in Peoria Consistory and in Mohammed Temple of the Mystic Shrine. His name is likewise on the membership rolls of the Creve Coeur Club, the Optimists Club, the Peoria Country Club, the North Shore Country Club, the Peoria Advertising and Selling Club, the National Underwriters Conference and the Association of Commerce. For the past nineteen years he has been election commissioner of the American Poultry Association, the largest organization of its kind in the world. He has been a judge at poultry shows for the past thirty years and has thus found diversion from the regular routine of business.

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### E. S. SIMMONDS

E. S. Simmonds, the popular superintendent of the Pittsfield public schools, has been actively identified with educational interests in Illinois as teacher, superintendent and principal during the past sixteen years. He was born at Camp Point, Illinois, September 18, 1893, a son of J. E. and Julia V. (Slade) Simmonds. Following his graduation from the Camp Point high school he continued his studies at the University of Illinois in 1912-13. He began teaching in 1913, attending college during the summer vacations. He was graduated from the Western Illinois State Teachers' College at Macomb in 1916. In 1923 he received the degree of Bachelor of Science from the University of Illinois, which institution also conferred upon him the degree of Master of Science in Education in 1931. As above stated, he has been connected with the schools of Illinois in the capacity of teacher, superintendent and principal for a period of sixteen years and since the fall of 1928 has filled the position of superintendent of the Pittsfield public schools in a highly creditable and most efficient manner.

On the 18th of August, 1920, Mr. Simmonds wedded Pauline Moore, of Rushville, Illinois, who is a graduate of the Rushville high school and the Western Illinois State Teachers' College of Macomb and was a successful teacher prior to her marriage.

Mrs. Simmonds is active in women's club work, being president of the Fortnightly Club. Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds are the parents of a son, Richard Joseph, born July 8, 1924.

In his political views Mr. Simmonds is a democrat. He enlisted for service in the World war in June, 1918, and was sent to the Sweeney Auto School in Kansas City, whence he was transferred to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, with the One Hundred Thirteenth Supply Train of the Thirty-eighth Division. He went to France in October, 1918, and was discharged from military service on the 2d of July, 1919. Mr. Simmonds is a member of the American Legion, the Lions Club, the Wayfarers Club, the School Masters Club, Illinois State Teachers Association and National Education Association, and has written numerous articles for current educational periodicals. He belongs to two honorary and professional educational fraternities, Phi Delta Kappa and Kappa Delta Pi, and is a member of the board of control of the State Athletic Association. He is a lover of athletics, plays tennis and is also very fond of reading and travel. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Church, while fraternally he is affiliated with the Masons and the Eastern Stars. A young man of many admirable personal characteristics, Mr. Simmonds has gained an extensive circle of warm friends in the varied relations of life.

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### PITTSFIELD SCHOOLS

The first school in Pittsfield was a log house built on the present site of the Biddle ice plant in 1836 and was taught for one day by Deacon Abbott, who turned it over to Charles E. Barton. The latter taught for three months, at the end of which time the school was closed. Pittsfield's first school was erected on a lot donated by Colonel William Ross—Lot 2, Block 23, and in 1836 a one-room frame building was erected which was used as a school for twelve years. Mayor Noyce donated land for the next school, and in 1848 a one-room brick building, twenty by thirty feet, was constructed, this serving until 1867. In 1866 what is now known as the east building was erected. This was



a two-story brick structure and was the first public school, all others having been private schools. It was taught by instructors who were paid from a public school fund.

The Pittsfield high school was organized in 1866 with the opening of the new east building under the superintendency of Martin V. B. Shattuck. The east building served as a high school for thirty years. The west building, a four-room structure, was erected in 1896, and a decade later an addition was made thereto. In 1907 the entire building was destroyed by fire and in 1908-09 the Chauncey L. Higbee high school was erected on the same site. An addition was made thereto in 1927 at a cost of eighty thousand dollars. It is a brick and semi-fireproof structure, houses both the junior high and high schools, and contains a gymnasium with a seating capacity of about one thousand people. The school has a residence building across the street that is equipped and furnished for the teaching of domestic science, being one of three schools in the state maintaining a separate building for this purpose. It also offers a course in farm mechanics and agriculture, with well equipped shops and a teacher, and has an athletic field for football, basket-ball and track. It is accredited by the University of Illinois and by the North Central Association. The high school has fifteen instructors for the teaching of music and commercial subjects, in addition to the regular high school course. There are two hundred and ninety pupils in attendance. A well furnished school library is being improved annually. A large percentage of the students enter higher institutions of learning, for Pittsfield's citizens are people of advanced educational standards and ideals.

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#### MAX EDWARD WOODWORTH

Max Edward Woodworth, principal of the Pittsfield high school, was born December 1, 1904, a son of Oscar Pearl and Anna Mae (Clark) Woodworth. He completed the high school course at Macomb in 1922 and four years later was graduated from the Western Illinois State Teachers College of Macomb with the degree of Bachelor of Education. He received a special

diploma in chemistry from the University of Illinois, which institution also conferred upon him the Master's degree in 1931. The teaching profession has always claimed his time and energies, and it was in 1927 that he became an instructor of chemistry and physics at the Pittsfield high school. He is a member of the Schoolmasters Club, the Illinois Teachers Association, the National Education Association and the Illinois Academy of Science.

On the 24th of August, 1927, Mr. Woodworth was united in marriage to Geraldine Louise Bly, of Macomb, who was born February 26, 1905, her parents being Fred and Myrtle (Shaner) Bly, retired farming people of Macomb. Like her husband, she is a graduate of the Macomb high school and the Western Illinois State Teachers College. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children: Geraldine Bly, born December 1, 1928; and Ardeen Louise, born January 3, 1931.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodworth give their political allegiance to the republican party, while their religious faith is indicated by their membership in the Methodist Church. Mr. Woodworth has membership in the Lions Club and fraternally is affiliated with the Masonic order, while his wife belongs to the Eastern Star. The latter is also a member of the Fortnightly Club. They are a popular young couple of the community in which they reside, and Mr. Woodworth enjoys an enviable reputation as an able and successful educator. He finds his recreation in athletics and outdoor life and is particularly fond of tennis.

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### FRANK McNALLY

A well improved and desirable farm property near Utica, Illinois, is the visible evidence of the industry, thrift and good management of its owner, Frank McNally, who is well known throughout La Salle county, for his life has been spent within its borders. He was born in November, 1868, a son of John McNally, a native of Ireland, who made the voyage to America in early life. After spending a short time in Chicago he cast his lot with the pioneer farmers of La Salle county and brought his

land to a high state of development. His wife, Anna (Kirk) McNally, was also a native of the Emerald isle and during her girlhood came to the United States. To Mr. and Mrs. McNally were born ten children, six sons and four daughters.

Frank McNally, the youngest member of the family, was reared on the homestead and acquired a limited education, as he early began to assist his father in tilling the soil. He received thorough training in agricultural pursuits, which he has followed throughout life, utilizing scientific methods in the development of his fine farm, to which he has added many improvements that enhance its value. His equipment is modern, his buildings are large and substantial, his fertile fields are divided by well kept fences, and everything about the place testifies to his progressive spirit and careful supervision.

In June, 1889, Mr. McNally was united in marriage to Johanna Fitzgerald, who was also a member of one of the old families of La Salle county and who passed away in 1891. She had become the mother of two sons: John F., a prosperous farmer, who married Kate Welden and has a family of six children; and Joseph, also an agriculturist, who married Mary Becker and has one child.

Mr. McNally is a communicant of the Catholic Church and an adherent of the democratic party. He cooperates in all movements for the advancement and betterment of his locality, manifesting a keen interest in matters of public moment, but has neither sought nor held political office. His has been a life of unabating energy and quiet devotion to duty, fraught with the accomplishment of work of importance and value, and the respect accorded him by the residents of this district is well deserved.

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### FRANK HOWARD HAYES

A prominent representative of the judiciary in the Illinois River Valley is Hon. Frank Howard Hayes, who since June, 1927, has served on the bench as circuit judge of the thirteenth judicial district, embracing Grundy, La Salle and Bureau counties. He was born in Bloomington, McLean county, Illinois, his par-



ents being John W. and Julia Hayes, who were natives of Ireland and New York, respectively, and were of Irish descent.

In the acquirement of an education Frank H. Hayes attended St. Mary's high school of his native city, pursued the literary course at Illinois Wesleyan University of Bloomington and there also studied law, receiving the LL. B. degree in 1907. Following his admission to the bar in October of that year he practiced law at Bloomington and also served as assistant state's attorney there for one year, on the expiration of which period, in 1908, he located at Morris, Illinois, where he has remained continuously since. He served as public administrator of Grundy county, Illinois, from 1910 until 1912, when he was elected state's attorney of the same county, thus serving until 1920. During the succeeding seven years he engaged in private law practice and then in June, 1927, was elected to the circuit bench of the thirteenth judicial district, consisting of Grundy, La Salle and Bureau counties. His record as circuit judge has been a most commendable one. His decisions indicate strong mentality, careful analysis, a thorough knowledge of the law and an unbiased judgment. In business circles, too, he is well known as a director of the Northwestern Corporation, manufacturers of vending machines at Morris, Illinois, and as chairman of the board of directors of the Hayes-Custer Stove Company at Bloomington. He is likewise heavily interested in farming operations of Grundy county and has gained a gratifying measure of success in his various undertakings.

On the 25th of January, 1911, at Holy Trinity Church in Bloomington, Illinois, Judge Hayes was united in marriage to Miss Eda C. Hackett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Hackett, who were natives of New Hampshire and of Ireland, respectively. Mrs. Hayes, a descendant of Major Chase Taylor in the paternal line, is the president of the Morris Hospital Aid and served as regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1924 and 1925. By her marriage she has become the mother of a son and two daughters, namely: John Hackett Hayes, a student at Notre Dame University; and Frances Hildegard and Edith Cecelia Hayes, twins, who are fifteen years of age and are attending the Morris high school.

Judge Hayes is a republican in politics and is active in the farm relief program. He is chairman of the Morris Hospital Board, director of the Morris Chamber of Commerce and a valued member of the Morris Country Club. A Roman Catholic in religious faith, he is widely known in fraternal circles as a member of the Knights of Columbus, having been grand knight of Du Pontaris Council at Morris, Illinois, from 1910 until 1912 and district deputy of the Knights of Columbus from 1912 until 1914. Judge Hayes is a man of great native ability, stanch patriotism, invincible courage and high personal character and is eminently worthy of the high place which he occupies in the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens.

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### JOHN WILSON

With those pioneer events which shaped the early history of Peoria and laid the foundation for its present progress and prosperity the name of John Wilson has been closely associated. He contributed in notable measure to the early development of the city and was regarded as one of its most prominent, influential and honored residents. The story of his life constitutes an important chapter in the annals of this section of the state.

Mr. Wilson was born in Poughkeepsie, New York, June 7, 1826, and was of English lineage, his parents having come from England to America in the early part of the nineteenth century, establishing their home in Westmoreland county, New York. Their family numbered nine children, namely: Elizabeth, Jane, Richard, Henry, Martha and Sarah, all of whom were born in England; and John, Mary and William, who were born in the state of New York. It was in 1835 that the father of this family decided to emigrate to the then far western state of Illinois. Stories had reached him concerning the fertility of the soil, although it was definitely known that the state was sparsely settled at that period. The family started in a one-horse sleigh, driving from their New York home to a point on the Allegheny river, after which they floated down that stream to the Ohio river on a raft to Louisville, Kentucky, from which place they

proceeded by steamer in a necessarily circuitous route to Peoria. Long since the snow over which they had traveled by sleigh at the first stage of the journey had melted and the summer sun of June shown upon them when they reached their destination in 1835. They lived for a short time at the corner of Main and Washington streets, where the First National Bank now stands, but following the destruction of their home by fire they moved to Rock Glen, in Limestone township, where John Wilson of this review remained to the age of sixteen years.

John Wilson had the usual experiences of the farm-bred boy who devotes the winter months to acquiring an education in the district school, while from the early spring planting until late autumn his attention was given to the cultivation of the land and the care of the crops. Even as a youth he displayed ambition, broad vision and determination. He wished to see something of the world and returned to Peoria, where he entered upon a two years' apprenticeship at the cooper's trade, for which he was to receive seventy-five dollars. His term of indenture ended, he started for New Orleans in company with his brother William, paying his way on the boat down the Mississippi by doing odd jobs. His stay in the south covered three years and on the expiration of that period he again came to Peoria, but following the discovery of gold in California he started for the Pacific coast in 1850. His long journey ended, he became a gold miner and met with considerable success in his search for the precious metal, but life there was lonely and monotonous and he felt that companionship and friends were worth more to him than the attainment of wealth in the mines. Accordingly he made his way to San Francisco and by steamer proceeded south to the Isthmus. He walked across to the eastern shore, thence boarded a boat for New Orleans and from the Crescent city continued his journey northward to Peoria. He and his brother began the return to this city on foot but finally flagged a boat, on which they worked as coopers. The captain was so well pleased with their efforts that they made several trips up and down the river in this way.

John Wilson embarked in the meat business in a small way, doing his own slaughtering and delivering. Throughout his life



it seemed that success attended his every undertaking, the reason for which was found in his diligence, perseverance and careful management. In the year 1853 he made his second trip to California with a herd of cattle to sell to the early settlers, but Peoria always seemed the lode star that drew him back and he was again in this city in 1854. From that time forward he concentrated his efforts and attention upon the cattle trade, during which he built up a business of mammoth proportions, handling enormous herds of cattle on various ranches, of which he became the owner in various states of the west. Again his sound judgment was manifest in the conduct of his cattle-raising interests, which brought him a very gratifying financial return. As the years passed he likewise became interested in other business enterprises of Peoria and for a considerable period was president of the Wilson Grocery Company and a director and stockholder in many of the banks and trust companies of the city. His cooperation was considered a valuable asset in the conduct of any enterprise with which he was associated. He occupied the presidency of the Cave Valley Land & Cattle Company, a large and wealthy organization doing business in southern Illinois, was the president of the Elk Grove Land & Cattle Company of Kansas, the president of the American Distilling Company of Pekin, Illinois, and the chief stockholder in the street railway company of Topeka, Kansas. His activities thus contributed in substantial measure to the material development and progress of many localities and states and his worth as a business man was widely recognized, for in matters of judgment he was seldom, if ever, at fault and his progressive spirit enabled him to outdistance many of his fellow travelers on life's journey in the pursuit for well earned and honorable wealth.

Mr. Wilson's interest always centered, however, in Peoria. It was the city in which he maintained his home and where his close friends were found, although he had friends in every community in which he carried on business affairs or was known in any way. In 1855 he wedded Miss Emily J. Woodruff, who was born in Worthington, Ohio, January 9, 1833, and was but two years of age when her parents established their home in the west. She departed this life April 20, 1907, when seventy-four

years of age. Mr. Wilson passed away March 19, 1905, when he was in the seventy-ninth year of his age. He was survived by five sons, namely: Arthur, Everett W., John A., Charles L. and Frederick L. Some of the number have since passed on and two others of the family died in infancy. The family home was at 216 Pecan street, where they went to housekeeping, where all the children were born and where both John Wilson and his wife spent their last days. Although ill health incapacitated Mr. Wilson to a degree in his later years, he nevertheless continued his connection with business affairs, manifesting untiring industry and laudable ambition. He was one of the world's workers, active, consistent, progressive and reliable. His life was crowned by successful achievement and his name deserves to be placed high on the roll of those men who opened up the west to civilization and brought the opportunities of this great country before the public. The extent and importance of his business affairs were a vital element in Peoria's development, not only in its pioneer epoch but in its later period of progress and growth, making it the second city of the state and one of the most important commercial and industrial centers of the Mississippi valley.

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#### HARRY TOLER BAXTER, M. D.

Dr. Harry T. Baxter holds a high place in the professional circles of Astoria, where he has been successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery since 1915, during which period he has gained distinctive prestige as a learned and capable physician. He was born at Astoria on the 21st of December, 1891, and is a member of one of Fulton county's old and prominent families. His father, Dr. Alfred J. Baxter, was born on February 28, 1855, in Newark, New Jersey, and was a son of Emil and Annette (Powell) Baxter. Emil Baxter was born in St. Quentin, France, and came to the United States in early life to look after an importing and exporting business owned by his father. The latter was a native of Scotland and was a large manufacturer of lace goods and cloth. He came to this country many times to attend to his business interests. After a few years' attention to

his father's business, Emil Baxter's health failed and he moved west, locating in Nauvoo, Illinois. There he became a horticulturist and was the owner of a large orchard and vineyard. He spent the remaining years of his life at Nauvoo, where his death occurred in 1911. He was married twice, first to Miss Annette Powell, a native of Connecticut, and a daughter of Thomas Powell, who was a native and lifelong resident of that state. Mrs. Baxter died in 1863 and in 1865 Mr. Baxter married Miss Mary Weemer, to which union was born a daughter, Addie, who is now a resident of Chicago, Illinois. To Mr. Baxter's first marriage were born six children, namely: Emil, of Nauvoo, Illinois; Alfred J., deceased; Annette, deceased; Bertha, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Thomas and Cecil of Nauvoo.

Alfred J. Baxter received his early education in the public schools of Nauvoo and an academy at Denmark, Iowa. In 1876 he taught a grade school in Hancock county, Illinois, and served as principal of the Nauvoo schools from 1876 to the spring of 1879. During that period he spent his evenings and other spare time in the study of medicine under Professor J. C. Hughes, of Keokuk, Iowa, and attended lectures in the College of Physicians of that city. In 1880 he graduated from that institution with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and entered upon the practice of his profession at Nauvoo. Two years later he made a trip through the West, thinking that perhaps that section of the country would offer better opportunities for a young physician. He soon returned to his native state and in 1883 he located in Astoria, where he continued the practice of medicine during the remainder of his life. He gained wide recognition for his skill and success in the treating of human ailments and stood in the front rank of his profession. A broad-minded and kind-hearted man, he rendered much service to people who he knew in advance were unable to repay him for his services. But he knew they needed him and he gave to them the same careful and capable service that he rendered to the wealthy. A man of progressive ideas, he took an active interest in the civic affairs of Astoria, in the welfare and progress of which he invested his time and efforts without stint. He loved his fellowmen and all were his friends. At his death, which occurred on July 10, 1925, many



families felt that a protecting wall had fallen away from them. The Doctor was a republican and, while he never sought public office, he took a keen interest in political matters. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, and professionally, was affiliated with the Fulton County Medical Society, of which he was one of the organizers, the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the Military Tract Medical Society.

On March 29, 1886, Dr. Alfred J. Baxter married Miss Emma Toler, who was born at Astoria, Illinois, on November 21, 1862, and was a daughter of Dr. Benjamin C. and Mary (McLaren) Toler. She was a member of the Christian Church and belonged to the Pythian Sisters and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was well educated, having graduated from the Astoria high school and the State Normal School at Bloomington, and took a live interest in matters affecting the welfare of her community, particularly in Sunday school work. Dr. Benjamin C. Toler was born on October 2, 1829, and died December 1, 1902. He was a son of Thomas and Lucinda Toler. Thomas Toler was a well educated man and was at one time president of Bethany College. In 1832 he moved from Virginia to Winchester, Kentucky, where he established a school which he conducted for many years. He then moved to Mason county, Illinois, where he resided until 1852, when, because of his impaired health, he went to Tarrant county, Texas. There he followed the vocation of civil engineering and was elected circuit clerk of Tarrant county. He died in 1865 and is buried in that county. In 1849 he was married to Miss Catherine Hunton, who died in 1860 in Tarrant county. Both of Benjamin Toler's grandfathers, William Toler and William Hunton, were soldiers under General Washington in the Revolutionary war.

Benjamin C. Toler spent his early years in the family home near Richmond, Virginia, and was educated under his father. He taught school in Mason county, Illinois, and studied medicine under Dr. O'Neal at Bath, Illinois. In 1851 he joined the rush to the California gold fields and worked as a miner for five years, during which time he donated his medical services to any who needed them. He engaged in a mercantile business there, carry-

ing it on until 1857, when he sold out and, returning to the east, entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa. He was graduated as a Doctor of Medicine in 1858 and entered upon the practice at Astoria, Illinois. He resided there during the remainder of his life and as one of Fulton county's pioneer physicians and public-spirited citizens he long held a foremost place in his community. He was an active member of the Christian Church, was a democrat in his political alignment, and was a Mason. He was affiliated with the Fulton County Medical Society and the Illinois State Medical Society. In 1858 Dr. Toler married Miss Mary E. McLaren, of Fulton county, a daughter of Peter and Lucinda (Laffer) McLaren, of whom the latter died on December 1, 1902. To Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Baxter were born six children. Bessie, born April 29, 1887, graduated from the Astoria high school and the University of Illinois, and is the wife of C. W. Snyder, of Chicago, Illinois. Annette L., born July 28, 1888, received her education in the Astoria high school, the Western Illinois State Teachers' College at Macomb and the University of Chicago, and is now a teacher in the public schools of Springfield, this state. Alfred J., born September 18, 1889, graduated from the Astoria high school, attended medical school in Chicago for one and a half years, and is now at home with his mother. Harry Toler was born December 21, 1891. Ralph, born November 10, 1893, who graduated from the Astoria high school and had one year in the University of Illinois and one year in Knox College, is now a locomotive engineer on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. During the World war he served overseas with the Thirteenth United States Engineers, and he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Dr. Louis T., born September 15, 1896, graduated from the Astoria high school, had two years at Knox College, and graduated from the medical college of the University of Illinois, after which he served his internship in the West Side Hospital of Chicago. He married Miss Esther Bouchet, of Menominee, Michigan, and they have a son, Louis, Jr., born May 22, 1927.

Harry Toler Baxter graduated from the Astoria high school in 1909, after which he attended Knox College for one year. He

then matriculated in the medical college of the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1914. He spent one year as interne in St. John's Hospital, at Springfield, this state, and in 1915 entered upon the practice of medicine at Astoria. He has been more than ordinarily successful and has built up a large practice throughout this section of Fulton county.

On September 15, 1915, Dr. Baxter was married to Miss Bernice Snedeker, who was born in Astoria, September 21, 1892, and is a daughter of J. B. and Ella (Boyd) Snedeker. She was educated in the public schools of Astoria, and is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Methodist Episcopal Church. Dr. and Mrs. Baxter are the parents of two children: J. B., born September 10, 1916; and Harriet, born August 28, 1918.

Dr. Baxter has always given the republican party his support and, though he has never sought office, he has shown a public-spirited interest in the welfare of his community. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons and the Alpha Kappa Kappa college fraternity, and, professionally, is affiliated with the Fulton County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He belongs to the Astoria Community Club and his religious connection is with the Christian Church. He is a lover of athletic sports, plays the game of tennis and greatly enjoys swimming. He possesses a strong social nature and is one of Astoria's most popular citizens.

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### WALTER REX MOSS

Walter Rex Moss, scout-master of the Boy Scouts of Cuba, Illinois, and experimental expert at the Canton shops of the International Harvester Company, is a native of Canton, born January 21, 1893. The family is of German origin but has long been represented in this country. Settlement was made in Ohio but for generations members of the Moss family have lived in Illinois, participating in the work of development and progress. John G. Moss, the father of Walter R. Moss, is well known in Canton, which contains many evidences of his skill as a carpen-



ter and builder, and the mother, Anna S. (Murphy) Moss, is also living. The other sons are: Harold, who was born November 11, 1897, and by his marriage to Josephine Rowe, of Cuba, has become the father of two children, Anna Jocelyn and Donald; and Leon Fremont, who was born February 14, 1916, and is a member of the Canton high school band and orchestra.

The oldest son, Walter R. Moss, left the Canton high school at the end of his sophomore year and here secured work in the Parlin & Orendorff shops, in which he remained until 1917, becoming proficient in pattern-making. During the World war period he was employed in the arsenal at Rock Island, Illinois, and following the signing of the armistice he spent some time in Peoria. Entering the service of the International Harvester Company, he was assigned to the experimental department, with which he is still identified, and figures prominently in the production end of the business in connection with the designing and building of new machinery, which is tested for practical use on the farm. Endowed with pronounced mechanical skill and ingenuity, he has designed several new implements of value to agriculturists and is widely recognized as an expert in his particular line.

On the 15th of October, 1914, Mr. Moss was married to Miss Dora B. Kelley, an orphan, who was reared in the home of the late J. L. Murphy in Canton and attended the public schools of Canton, completing her education by graduation from Hedding College at Abingdon, Illinois. The five children of this marriage are: Helen Jean, who was born September 17, 1915, and is attending the Canton high school; John Grafton, born March 31, 1918; Marcia Jane, December 29, 1921; Walter Rex, Jr., July 7, 1926; and Charles Wayne, August 17, 1928.

The parents are earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and their political allegiance is given to the republican party. Mrs. Moss is a music lover and an accomplished pianist. She is devoted to her home and family and, like her husband, is greatly interested in scout work. Mr. Moss has taken three courses in Boy Scout training and is an exceptionally capable scout-master. Early in May, 1930, he organized the Boy Scouts of Cuba and on September 30 the court of honor exercises were

held, at which time a badge was presented to each of the eleven charter members. Under the expert supervision of Mr. Moss the boys built a summer camp on Slug Run creek, five miles south of Cuba. The site was donated by Ralph Clayberg and is a part of his farm. The camp lies between the creek and high bluffs, in the midst of a forest. Across the river are other high bluffs and in this wild and picturesque spot the boys have their summer lean-tos, a signal tower and a swimming hole. Here they spend the week-ends in summer and the winter camp is situated two and a half miles south of Cuba on the Edward Reynolds farm. In this camp they also have a signal tower and live in their huts here while engaged in winter sports. The Boy Scouts meet every Friday night in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Cuba. They have three basket-ball teams and have lost only one of the eight games played this year. They excel in this sport and in competition with other troops at a scout rally in Canton they won four first places, three second places, four third places and one fourth place. The local troop is efficient in signal work, forestry, first aid and other lines of usefulness and is considered the most active and competent troop in the county. The members are mostly school-boys who represent families of varied religious beliefs. John Williams is the senior patrol leader and the scout committeemen are Harvey McConkey, Joe Jackson, Elmer Laugerty, Charles Day and Fred Palin. The charter members of this troop are as follows: Byrl Clayberg, Dan Clayberg, Marion Clayberg, Jack Moss, Ivan Mosher, Curtis Mosher, Clyde West, Yewell Wilkins, Vincent Moore, Oliver Baker and Clyde Bartlett. It has grown up to the present enrollment, which is in patrols of six boys with a leader and named after some wild animal. Flying Eagle Patrol: Byrl Clayberg, patrol leader; Jack Moss, assistant patrol leader; Marion Clayberg; Dan Clayberg; Curtis Mosher; and Clyde West. Swallow Patrol: Ivan Mosher, patrol leader; Albert Strickler, assistant patrol leader; William Gillispie; Charles Hart; Harry Wilson; and Gerald Stevenson. Wild Boar Patrol: Yewell Wilkins, patrol leader; Harold Hubbard, assistant leader; Sam Heller; Clyde Bartlett; Alvin Edwards; and Vincent Moore. Flying Fox Patrol: Howard Roberts, patrol leader; Lloyd Williams, assistant patrol leader; Thomas Jones; Roy Williams; Wil-

liam Campbell; and Oliver Baker. The troop as a whole is trying to do good as far as their means will let them, as this troop is supported by the boys themselves by paying dues each week with which they buy all their own books and supplies. Their good turns include keeping the yards cleared of weeds, flowers in shape for old people unable to do it, and by helping keep up the park. Their activities during the summer of 1931, in addition to all their camp work, included a trip to Springfield to see Herbert Hoover when the president was there on June 17, the firemen's meet at Bushnell, July 3, a side trip to Canton Park, July 10 and 11, a trip to the Peoria camp in August and several other trips, with the football games at Champaign to finish their summer and fall work as well as play. There are nine tenderfoot scouts, ten second-class scouts, four first-class scouts, three scouts are ready for star scout badges and several others have from one to three merit badges. With a clear understanding of the nature of boys and in thorough sympathy with their interests, Mr. Moss has been notably successful in his work and the Canton troop is a credit to his training. Hunting, fishing and other outdoor sports afford him much pleasure and he has ever been an ardent advocate of the preservation of the wild life of the state. A natural leader of boys, he finds keen enjoyment in his work as scout master and is esteemed and respected for his high standards and his genuine personal worth.

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## B. FRANKLIN LONG

Although his business career has been comparatively brief, B. Franklin Long has already made substantial progress by reason of his enterprise and ability and for four years has represented Bader & Company at Rushville as manager. Born in Buena Vista township, Schuyler county, Illinois, August 24, 1903, he is a son of William S. and Vira (Bader) Long and a grandson of Abram K. and Catherine (Weishardt) Long.

William S. Long was born in Browning, Schuyler county, Illinois, November 25, 1866, and as a young man entered the educational field, teaching for nine years. With religious work





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he was closely associated as an elder of the Christian Church, serving for a considerable period as president of its board, and was also the builder of a church. Politically he was a republican while his fraternal affiliations were with the Modern Woodmen of America and the lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. On the 27th of August, 1890, he was married to Vira Bader, who was born in Fulton county, Illinois, March 19, 1866, a daughter of Benjamin F. and Azula (Farr) Bader. Mrs. Long attended the common schools of Fulton county and the high school at Vermont. She remained at home until her marriage, engaging in dressmaking for a time, and also did some sales work in the stores of Astoria. Her political support is given to the republican party and she is an earnest, helpful member of the Christian Church. Fraternally she is identified with the Pythian Sisters, the Royal Neighbors and the Eastern Star and is a past officer of the last two orders. She belongs to the Readers Club of Rushville, is vice president and a member of the executive board of the Woman's Federated Club and has also found time for Red Cross work. Enjoying travel, she has visited many parts of the country but prefers Rushville as a place of residence, and in the life of her community she has long exerted a potent force for good. Mr. Long passed away August 13, 1927, at the age of sixty years, and was laid to rest in a cemetery at Astoria. He was a man of kindly nature and high moral worth, esteemed and respected by all who knew him. Mr. and Mrs. Long were the parents of two sons. The elder, Victor Fred Long, born November 24, 1899, was graduated from the Rushville high school in 1919, afterward completing a course in the Gem City Business College. He is connected with the Standard Oil Company and resides at Crystal Lake, Illinois. On the 19th of October, 1922, he was married to Miss Marion Hale, by whom he has one child, William Hale Long, born August 19, 1930.

While attending the Rushville high school B. Franklin Long was president of the junior class, a member of the Glee Club and played on the football and basketball teams. He was graduated in 1922 and from 1923 until 1925 was a student in Eureka College at Eureka, Illinois. In the latter year he entered the employ of Bader & Company at Rushville, working under his father, who



had charge of the company's grain elevator here, and at his death succeeded him as local manager. Since 1927 he has held this responsible position, efficiently discharging his duties and working effectively to further the interests of the company at this point.

Mr. Long was married June 8, 1929, to Miss Helen Eliza Greer, a daughter of Luther and Jeannette Elizabeth (Moore) Greer and a member of one of the old families of western Illinois. Mrs. Long was born in Schuyler county, Illinois, January 11, 1904, and obtained her elementary instruction in the White Oak schools. In 1923 she was graduated from the Rushville high school and four years later received the Bachelor of Science degree from Eureka College, afterward teaching home economics in the Rushville schools for two years. Mr. and Mrs. Long now have a daughter, Nancy Sue, born April 13, 1930.

The parents are members of the Christian Church and Mr. Long is a republican, while his wife votes with the democratic party. His college fraternity is Theta Kappa Nu and Mrs. Long is a member of the Phi Omega sorority. Both are interested in outdoor sports and Mr. Long is a member of the Scripps Park Golf Club. Like his wife, he enjoys reading, preferring books of travel and historical volumes. In local musical circles he is well known as a church soloist and has also sung before club members and at other public gatherings. He is identified with the Knights of Pythias and expresses his civic spirit through his membership in the Rushville Community Club. Of a pleasing personality, he readily wins friends and is a capable and dependable young business man, well worthy of the respect that is uniformly accorded him.

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### HELEN SOPHIA SHADEL

Helen Sophia Shadel is the efficient librarian of the Pittsfield Public Library, with which she has thus been connected since September, 1919. She is a native daughter and a lifelong resident of Pittsfield, Illinois, and her parents, Charles and Louisa Jane (Yaeger) Shadel, were of German descent. Charles Shadel,

born in Wurtemberg, Germany, November 9, 1840, passed away February 10, 1925, in his eighty-fifth year. He had been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for a period covering a half century. In early manhood he married Louisa Jane Yaeger, who was born in Pittsfield, Illinois, September 2, 1853. Her parents were Andrew and Barbara (Kern) Yaeger, both natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, the former born October 24, 1828, and the latter on December 26, 1820.

Helen S. Shadel acquired her education in Pittsfield, completing the high school course by graduation in 1909. A decade later, on the 8th of September, 1919, she assumed the duties of librarian of the Pittsfield Public Library, which she has since discharged in a highly capable and creditable manner and to the entire satisfaction of the trustees and patrons of the institution. During the year 1923 she attended the University of Illinois, completing a course in library training. She is a member of the Illinois Library Association and the American Library Association. Fraternally she is affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star and in religious faith is a Lutheran, and in the community which has always been her home she has an extensive circle of warm and steadfast friends.

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### PITTSFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

In an address delivered at the time of the completion of the Pittsfield Public Library building, in 1907, Mrs. W. C. Bush said in part: "January 5, 1853, in the Pittsfield Union, edited by Milton H. Abbott, we find an article on 'Libraries and Their Benefits.' The old familiar names, the men who stood for intellectual growth and highest morality of the place, the men whose influence set in motion the thought waves of progress, have perhaps relatives and friends here whose hearts thrill at mention of Ross, Hay, William A. Grimshaw, Colonel Bush, Drs. Worthington, Campbell, Norris, D. H. Gilmer, William Carter, John Carter, and others. Mr. Abbott wrote: 'Among all means used to promote education, an universal one, none are more worthy, none more effective, none pay a larger interest than well selected

public libraries. The good that a carefully chosen and well regulated public library may do is incalculable.' Then he concludes by saying, 'There is nothing we would like better than to see established a well selected library. Our town is large enough to make a beginning, it is high time it were done.'

"Two years later we find the library an established institution. In a copy of the Free Press, October 25, 1855, John G. Nicolay, in an editorial says: 'We have already through the liberality of a few persons, who ever and always lend a helping hand to the advancement of the public good, and the energetic efforts of others with their means, a library of three or four hundred volumes. Now if by means of this library reading can be furnished to those who are unable to purchase such books as they may desire to read, will not the public good be enhanced? Is not then such an institution worthy of the patronage of every man who has at heart the advancement of sound morals and correct principles?' Library trustees at that time were John G. Nicolay, John J. Reed, Charles C. Warner, Dan J. Brown, Marcellus Ross, D. H. Gilmer, chairman, and Richard M. Atkinson was secretary of the board. He had a quite lengthy report of conditions of the library at that time and urged liberal patronage for a lecture course they were planning and closed with the words: 'Our library now has forty members and four hundred volumes, and is free from debt. Its future is encouraging. By proper cooperation from our fellow citizens and the part of members, a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether, we may be able to continue in successful progression until our library shall become a permanent institution, a source of satisfaction to citizens and an honor to the place.'

"Twenty-two years later, we read of a lawn social to be held in the courthouse square, for the benefit of the public library, where ice cream, cake, and blackberries were to be served.

"Pittsfield library was organized by the ladies in 1874, as the Pittsfield Ladies Free Reading Room and Public Library, and was supported by subscriptions of members. In 1879 the citizens voted to levy a small tax to support the library and its usefulness. There were about one thousand volumes at that time, many of them of a standard character, besides a number of papers and periodicals.



"The first library was located over the A. & P. store on the northwest corner of the square. It was later moved above the Dickson building on the north side of the square, and it remained in this building until moved to the present library. Among the patrons and trustees at the time the library was organized were Ed Binns, Louis Hirsheimer, Albert Fishel, Judge Higbee, Thomas Worthington, and Thomas Dickson. Judge Harry Higbee wrote the constitution and by-laws for the library."

For the later history of the institution we are indebted to Helen S. Shadel, the present librarian, who wrote: "Patrons serving the library in the past as librarians were Emma Hill, Nellie Rider, Ione Stanton, Fanny Watson, Sally Graves, Fanny Quinby and Lulu Quinby, the librarian who served for fourteen years before the present librarian, Helen S. Shadel, who has served since September, 1919.

"In 1906 Andrew Carnegie made a donation of seventy-five hundred dollars for the erection of a new library building. Judge Harry Higbee and his mother gave the lot where the library stands. Mrs. Higbee also gave the furniture, pictures, and the cork carpet for the children's room. Dedication exercises were held Thursday, May 9, 1907. Trustees at this time were: A. Dow, president; F. W. Niebur, secretary; Mrs. Lizzie Duffield; Mrs. Will Bush; C. H. Harder; R. T. Hicks; Dr. Humpert; Mrs. Ben Hirsheimer, and John E. Vertrees.

"In June, 1924, Miss Gladys Allison of the extension department of the state library assisted the librarian in standardizing the public library. The old system of cataloging was brought up to standard, and all books and material discarded that was useless to the library. In June, 1926, we had five thousand, five hundred and thirty-eight volumes in the library; one thousand, one hundred and seventeen borrowers, one hundred and thirty-three of whom were rural borrowers; thirty-two newspapers and periodicals currently received, and many magazines given to the library by our patrons. We had a circulation of twenty-two thousand, five hundred and ninety-five in 1925, 10.6 per capita. There are many good reference books in the library, and others we hope to have some time."

In May, 1931, the Pittsfield Public Library had seven thou-

sand, two hundred and seventy-three volumes in the library, one thousand, seven hundred and sixty-three borrowers and a circulation of twenty-nine thousand, four hundred and forty-nine. A fund of five thousand dollars was left to the library by the late Judge Harry Higbee, the income to be used to buy books. The present trustees of the library are: Mrs. W. E. Shastid, president; Mrs. Harry Higbee, secretary; Mrs. Charles Shaw; Mrs. George Weaver; Mrs. Dave Brunswick; Miss Mary Margaret McGuire; F. A. Main; William Strauss; and John Caughlan.

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### GUILFORD MOTTIER HUMPHREY

Since 1909 Guilford Mottier Humphrey has been a factor in the commercial life of Beardstown and is now at the head of a prosperous business, conducted under the name of the Buick Sales Company, while he is also filling the office of postmaster. He was born in Patriot, Indiana, May 28, 1885, a son of James R. Humphrey, who was also a native of that state. The father, a prosperous agriculturist and an influential man in his district, was called to public office, serving as assessor of Switzerland county, Indiana, and fraternally he was identified with the Knights of Pythias. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Lilly Mottier, was a native of Switzerland county and a daughter of John D. and Lydia Mottier, of Indiana.

Guilford M. Humphrey was reared on the home farm and in 1904 completed his high school education, which was supplemented by two years' attendance at the University of Indiana and by a course in the Brown Business College at Peoria, Illinois. He made practical use of his commercial training in March, 1909, when he entered the employ of the Beardstown Concrete Construction Company in the capacity of bookkeeper, and continued with that concern for eleven years. From 1920 until 1922 he was with the Garm Coal Company, serving as superintendent and manager, and in 1922 organized the Buick Sales Company, of which he is the owner. He handles the Oldsmobile as well as the Buick line of cars and his business has enjoyed a steady growth, his annual sales now amounting to a large figure.

On the 22d of February, 1916, Mr. Humphrey was married in Beardstown to Miss Hazael Knight, a daughter of John and Augusta Knight, and they now have two children: Robert D., who was born October 30, 1920; and Elizabeth A., born January 9, 1923.

Mr. Humphrey has membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Beardstown and in politics is a stalwart republican, active in the councils of the party. On the 9th of February, 1928, he was appointed postmaster of Beardstown and capably discharges the duties of the office. In educational matters he takes a keen interest and was a member of the school board of Cass county for three years. Well known in fraternal circles, he has passed through all the chairs in the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Patriot, Indiana and has served as secretary of the local lodge of Odd Fellows for two years. A Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner, he has occupied important offices in the order, acting as master of his lodge for four terms, as high priest of the chapter for three terms, and is now district deputy grand master for the fifty-sixth Masonic district of Illinois. Mr. Humphrey is an exemplary representative of the craft, a public-spirited citizen and a progressive business man of high standing.

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### OWEN O. BANDY

Owen O. Bandy is the president and owner of the Pekin Conservatory of Music, founded in 1927, and has become widely known as one of the most talented musicians and popular young entertainers of this part of the state. He was born at Bisbee, Towner county, North Dakota, February 3, 1898, his parents being George M. and Evelyn Sadie Bandy, both of whom are of English descent and are natives of Minnesota, born at Sauk Center and Melrose, respectively. They established their home in Pekin, Illinois, when their son Owen was a small boy and have since resided here, being well known and highly esteemed throughout the community. George M. Bandy is active in business as a stone contractor and fraternally is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.



Owen O. Bandy is a graduate of the grade schools of Bisbee, North Dakota, and the high school of Pekin, Illinois, and received his musical education in the Gould Conservatory of Music at Everett, Washington, from which he was graduated with the A. B. degree on the 5th of November, 1917. He has since been a teacher of music, specializing in instruction on the guitar, and is teaching in the public schools of Tazewell county as well as giving private music lessons to two hundred students at the present time. Mr. Bandy has the distinction of being the champion guitar player of North America and has broadcasted over radio stations throughout the United States. It was in 1927 that he founded the Pekin Conservatory of Music, of which he is president and owner. Moreover, he owns city property in Pekin and has become widely recognized as one of the leading young business men of the town.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Bandy has supported the men and measures of the republican party, believing its principles most conducive to good government. He has ever manifested an active and helpful interest in civic affairs and is a member of the Pekin Chamber of Commerce and the Cosmopolitan Club. In religious faith he is a Methodist. He finds pleasure and recreation in outdoor sports, in travel and in golf and is a member of the Tazewell County Club. A young man of studious habits, fond of reading, he devotes much time to the perusal of historical and biographical works, as well as historical novels, and has thus obtained a considerable fund of knowledge. His skill as a musician has brought him in constant demand as an entertainer, while his personal qualities are such as have won him an extensive circle of warm and admiring friends.

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#### EMMET CLAIR MAY

Emmet Clair May, American life insurance executive, was born in Salyersville, Kentucky, October 5, 1875. He was the son of Dr. William A. May, who was born September 1, 1850, and of Fannie E. (Holderby) May, daughter of James P. Holderby. Dr. William A. May is a physician with a record of over

fifty years of practice in eastern Kentucky, and is still engaged in active practice.

The May family is of English origin. Its earliest American forbears settled in Virginia in the colonial period and later removed to Kentucky, where again they were numbered among the pioneer settlers. The Holderby family came from Scotland originally, settling first in North Carolina. The family line was later established in Ohio, and still later in Kentucky, where they also were numbered among the pioneer settlers. The Holderbys were merchants. On both sides the family tradition has been one of active participation in civic and public affairs.

Mr. May received his early education in one of the traditional log schoolhouses of the district in which he was born, and later attended the high school at Salyersville, Kentucky, his leisure time being spent in farm work. He entered the Northern Indiana University at Valparaiso, Indiana, in 1892, and after a year's attendance there returned home to engage in school teaching for a year. He then reentered the university, working his way through, and was awarded his degree of Bachelor of Laws in June, 1897.

On September 1, 1897, at Peoria, Illinois, Mr. May began his career as a lawyer with the firm of Wolfenbarger and May, his partner being one of his classmates. Neither of the youthful members of the new firm had either personal acquaintance or business connections in Peoria, but they were well equipped professionally and amply endowed with energy, perseverance, and real ability. The result was the building of a successful practice, the firm taking a prominent place in the legal circles of central Illinois, and continuing as originally constituted until February 17, 1908.

Meanwhile, Mr. May had become interested in life insurance, the starting point being through his handling of the interests of a client who had made a considerable investment in an insurance association. The result was his organization of the Peoria Life Insurance Company, which in turn led to his retirement from his law practice in 1908 in order to take over the management and operation of the new company. He served as its vice president, in charge of its finances and subsequently taking over the agency

management, until 1913, when he became president of the company.

To the new venture, Mr. May brought a well trained mind and a singularly strong sense of business management, which he proceeded to turn to account in his company's interest. The new organization came into being not long after the Armstrong investigation, and with many new companies being formed as a result of the investigation, as well as being obliged to meet the competition of the long established insurance concerns of the east, the problems faced by Mr. May and his associates called for exceptional talent.

It stands as testimony to Mr. May's business ability that the company showed not only a steady but a rapid growth, passing its first \$100,000,000 of life business within sixteen years of its organization, a record said not then to have been attained by any similar concern. The succeeding seven years brought its total of business to the imposing figure of \$215,000,000, this amount representing policies actually in force. The company is strongly organized, aggressive in its management and possesses a high reputation. It has some eight hundred agents in its employ and operates in twelve different states. While Mr. May had no training in life insurance at the time he became associated with the business, he immediately concentrated his energies upon an intensive study of its principles, methods and history, with the result that few men in the business today are so well versed in its intricacies of management. He has been particularly devoted to the policy of gathering strong men about him in the home office, and another of his greatest assets has been his personal devotion to the task in hand. He not only believes in being at his office and in intimate touch with the workings of the great organization that he has built up, but he insists upon reaching his office early and often remains late. The growth of his company may therefore fairly be said to be in an exceptional measure due to his personal leadership as well as to his admirable business management.

In 1920 the seventeen-story Peoria Life building was completed, providing commodious quarters for the home offices of the company and proving a notable acquisition to the architectural beauty of the city.



Mr. May was one of the organizers of the Bank of Peoria in 1924, becoming its president. This institution has maintained the steady growth characteristic of the enterprises with which its president is connected. He is likewise a director of the Commercial Merchants National Bank.

He was a leading figure in the promotion, financing and construction of the Pere Marquette Hotel at Peoria, which was completed in 1926. This is a beautiful modern institution with four hundred rooms, a decided addition to the charm of the city. In connection with the hotel Mr. May also promoted the building of the Pere Marquette Garage, a three hundred-car building with modern ramp construction and with every facility for the comfort and convenience of its patrons.

Mr. May has likewise contributed effectively to the civic betterment of Peoria in many different ways, but most prominently, perhaps, in his position of president of the Great Peoria Sanitary and Sewage Disposal District. To him as to other public-spirited citizens of Peoria the contamination of the Illinois river, upon which the city is delightfully situated, had been for years a matter of grave concern. Mr. May was one of the leaders in the movement to establish a sanitary sewage disposal plant, a project sanctioned by the voters of the city in 1927 by the gratifying vote of six to one. A bond issue of \$2,500,000 being thus authorized, Mr. May has since been actively engaged in supervising the construction of the plant.

He is a director of the Avery Power Machinery Company; is a member of and past president of the Creve Coeur Club; and belongs to the Country Club and the I. V. Y. Club. His favorite recreation is golf. He is a collector of old and valuable books, especially of rare editions of the best books. He possesses an extensive library, largely comprised of such collections, and he also owns some fine statuary. He is greatly interested in painting and his Christmas greeting to his large circle of friends takes the form of a reproduction of some painting of note.

Mr. May is well known as a writer on the subject of life insurance. He is author of "Success in Life Insurance" (1918); "A Vision of Life Insurance" (1921); "The Empire of Life Insurance" (1923); a novel, "The Angelus of Sunset Hill" (1924);

and "White Bears and Gold" (1931). He likewise prepared a twelve-weeks' course of instruction entitled "Life Insurance Salesmanship," which was published in two volumes in 1920.

He was married at Peoria, Illinois, November 19, 1897, to Ella M. O'Hara, daughter of Patrick J. O'Hara, a well established farmer of Chenoa, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. May are the parents of one child, a son named Walter E. May, who is actively connected with the Peoria Life Insurance Company as vice president and agency secretary.

Mr. May resides at 414 Illinois avenue, Peoria, Illinois.

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### WILLIAM GILMAN DAVIDSON

One of Fulton county's leading citizens is William G. Davidson, the editor of the Fulton County Democrat, published at Lewistown. He is a member of one of the community's most distinguished families and is ably maintaining the prestige so well established by his father. He was born at Elmwood, Peoria county, Illinois, on the 1st of May, 1896, and is a son of William Taylor and Margaret Gilman (George) Davidson, who are represented in a separate memoir on other pages of this work.

William G. Davidson pursued his early education in the public schools, graduating from the Lewistown high school in 1913, after which he attended the University of Illinois for two years. In May, 1917, soon after the United States entered the World war, he went to the officers training school at Columbia University. He enlisted for service in August, 1917, and in December of that year he was called to active duty. He was assigned to the flying service and first attended the ground school at the University of Illinois, later receiving his flying training at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas. He was commissioned a second lieutenant and was attached to the Thirty-fifth Squadron as a pilot at Kelly Field, where he remained until the close of the war, and in 1920 he was honorably discharged at Fort Sheridan, Chicago. On his return home, Mr. Davidson went to work with his sisters on the Fulton County Democrat, at Lewistown, and in 1927 he took active charge of the paper, of which he is now the man-

ager and editor. He has proved well adapted to the exacting profession of journalism and under his supervision the Democrat is maintaining its position in the front rank of the newspapers of this section of the valley.

Mr. Davidson is an ardent supporter of the democratic party and takes a keen interest in the civic affairs of his section of Fulton county. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons at Lewistown; the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite at Peoria; the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Peoria, and the American Legion. He is the chairman of the Julius Kespohl Memorial Association, which marks with appropriate tablets the noteworthy places in the life of Abraham Lincoln. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Lewistown public library and in every possible way shows his genuine interest in those things which contribute to the welfare and advancement of the community. Personally, he loves outdoor sports, particularly tennis, hunting and fishing, and greatly enjoys traveling. He is a close reader of science, history, religion and philosophy and possesses well defined opinions on the issues of the day. Cordial and friendly in his social relations, successful in his efforts to make the Fulton County Democrat the representative publication of this section of the valley and exerting a salutary influence in civic affairs, he is highly regarded and is deservedly popular.

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### CHARLES E. TURNER

Charles E. Turner, a prominent lawyer of Mount Sterling and former state's attorney from Brown county, was born December 1, 1894, in the town where he still resides. The father, Charles H. Turner, was born in Brooklyn, New York, May 8, 1865, and when a small boy journeyed westward to Illinois with his parents, George and Josephine Turner. George Turner was one of the early merchants of Mount Sterling and a scion of a colonial family that contributed to the Continental Army valiant soldiers who aided in winning American independence.

His son, Charles H. Turner, attended the schools of Brown county and the college at Jacksonville, Illinois. When his edu-



cation was completed he returned to Mount Sterling, becoming a clerk and bookkeeper in a private bank conducted by a Dr. Glass, with whom he continued until the institution was closed. The experience and knowledge thus acquired well qualified him for financial work of importance and he was then selected as cashier of the Mount Sterling First National Bank, with which he remained until his death on the 3d of December, 1905. He worked untiringly and effectively to further its interests and lived to see this become one of the largest and strongest moneyed institutions in Brown county. His civic spirit prompted his valuable service as a member of the Mount Sterling school board, to which he was elected on the republican ticket, and his life was guided by the teachings of the Presbyterian Church. On the 8th of May, 1888, he had married Miss Carrie Ella Smith, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith. The mother of Mrs. Turner was a Miss Chester, whose early ancestors came to America as passengers on the Mayflower and took up their abode in the western part of the country. They were related to the Morgans, early settlers in Virginia and Kentucky, and also to the Stoddards, a colonial family that was represented in the Revolutionary war by Lieutenant Vine Stoddard, an officer on the staff of General Washington. Mrs. Charles H. Turner was born in Dwight, Livingston county, Illinois, February 23, 1862, and after her graduation from the university at Normal engaged in teaching in Colorado and Illinois, continuing in educational work until her marriage, which took place in New York. In the affairs of the woman's auxiliary of the American Legion at Mount Sterling she is actively interested and has been post historian for a number of years. She has long been a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church and her political support is given to the republican party. Mrs. Turner is the mother of three children: Robert R., whose sketch is published elsewhere in this work; Mary, who was born February 28, 1892, and is now the wife of Glenn Hersman, of Grand Rapids, Michigan; and Charles E.

The last named was graduated from the Mount Sterling high school in 1913 and was a member of its debating, football, baseball, basket-ball and track teams. Entering the University of Illinois in the fall of 1913, he won the Bachelor of Arts degree

from that institution in 1917 and on June 2 of the same year enlisted in the army for service in the World war. He was sent to the officers training school at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, where he received the commission of second lieutenant, and sailed from New York, January 3, 1918. He landed at Brest and after a month's training at Chatillon-sur-Seine, a town in the department of Coté d'Or, France, was assigned to the One Hundred and Sixty-sixth, known as the "Rainbow" Division. Later he was detailed for duty as an instructor with the One Hundred and Thirty-second Regiment of United States Infantry but at the end of six weeks was sent back to his own division with which he saw service at Chateau Thierry and in the Argonne and St. Mihiel sectors. After the armistice he went to Germany with the Army of Occupation and was stationed near Coblenz until May, 1919, when he returned to this country. Proceeding to Camp Grant, he was ordered to Fort Bayard, New Mexico, for hospital treatment and was mustered out of the service August 25, 1919.

In the fall of 1919 Mr. Turner matriculated in the law school of the University of Michigan, which conferred upon him the J. D. degree in 1922, and while pursuing his studies in Ann Arbor he served on the editorial staff of the Law Review, a university publication, also becoming a member of the Order of Coif and the Phi Delta Phi fraternity. Admitted to the bar of Illinois in 1922, he entered upon the general practice of law in Mount Sterling and in 1924 was elected state's attorney, serving acceptably for a period of four years. Keen intelligence and mature judgment direct the utilization of his legal knowledge, which is comprehensive and exact, and a liberal clientele has been accorded him.

On the 30th of June, 1926, Mr. Turner was married in Mount Sterling to Miss Ruth Duncan, who was born in Franklin, Morgan county, Illinois, May 13, 1891. She is a daughter of Richard and Carrie (Reinbach) Duncan, who still make their home in Franklin, where her father follows the trade of a blacksmith, and both he and the mother are of German lineage. Mrs. Turner pursued her elementary studies in Franklin and in 1911 was graduated from the high school at Jacksonville, this state. There she attended the Illinois College for women, afterward becoming a piano instructor at Mount Sterling, in the Illinois College of

Music at Jacksonville and in the Salem College of Music at Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She is now giving private lessons and belongs to the American Guild of Organists. Mr. and Mrs. Turner are the parents of two children: Mary Carolyn, who was born April 14, 1927; and Edward Duncan, born December 14, 1928.

Mr. Turner is a republican and has been active in behalf of the party. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian and his wife has membership in the Christian Church. She figures prominently in the social life of the community and is widely known by reason of her accomplishments in the field of music. When the opportunity offers Mr. Turner enjoys the sports of fishing and hunting, as well as a game on the links, and belongs to the Scripps Golf Club. He was one of the organizers of the Mount Sterling branch of the American Legion, becoming a charter member of his post, which he has represented in the capacities of judge advocate and service officer, and is also identified with the 40 & 8 Club, the social branch of the Legion. However, the major portion of his time is given to his legal work and his business in the courts in steadily increasing in volume and importance. Through his close conformity to the ethical standards of the profession he has won the esteem of his fellow practitioners and has membership in the Brown County, Illinois State and American Bar Associations.

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#### ORLAND HARLEY BERRY, M. D.

Dr. Orland Harley Berry, a successful medical practitioner of Pittsfield, was born in Pleasant Hill, Pike county, Illinois, April 30, 1879, a son of John Franklin and Ella (Oxley) Berry. Extended mention of the family is made in another part of this work in connection with the sketch of Dr. Evart Benjamin Berry.

O. H. Berry supplemented his public school education by two years' attendance at the Illinois State Normal University of Normal, Illinois. During the year 1900 he engaged in teaching and in the fall of 1901 matriculated in the Barnes Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1905 with the M. D. degree.



opening an office in Bellevue, Calhoun county, Illinois, he remained there for eight years and in 1913 removed to Hardin, this state, joining Dr. Piesker, with whom he was associated for a year. He was next located in Literberry, Morgan county, Illinois, which place he left at the end of a year, establishing an office in New Canton, Pike county, where he engaged in general practice from 1916 until 1930. Desiring a broader field of activity, he came to Pittsfield, the county seat of Pike county, and has already become well established by reason of his ability and experience. From 1928 until 1930 he filled the office of county coroner and is now serving as deputy coroner of Pike county.

On the 30th of January, 1906, Dr. Berry was married to Mary R. Child, who was a daughter of George B. and Martha Child, of Bellevue, Illinois, and died July 13, 1914. She had become the mother of a son, John M. Berry, who was born November 13, 1910. He was graduated from the Onarga (Ill.) Military School and is now employed as a salesman at Bellevue. On November 14, 1916, Dr. Berry married Valera S. Fowler, who was born in Hardin, Illinois, February 11, 1894, and is a daughter of Arthur D. and Flora Fowler. After attending the public schools of her native town she studied music and was a piano teacher for about eight years. She was band instructor at New Canton, Illinois, and has become widely known in musical circles of this part of the state. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children: Milton O., who was born December 26, 1918; Robert Arthur, born January 15, 1921; and Valera Harriett, born October 2, 1928.

Doctor and Mrs. O. H. Berry are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Doctor's fraternal affiliations are with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. Mrs. Berry belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star, to the Rebekahs, and for a number of years has been very active in behalf of the Girls Camp Fire organization. While living at New Canton she was a republican committeewoman and the Doctor also gives his political allegiance to that party. On its ticket he was elected mayor of New Canton and served for four years, from 1918 until 1922, giving to the town an efficient and beneficial administration. He is interested

in educational work and while a resident of Bellevue was a school director. He has engaged in Red Cross work and is a champion of the Boy Scouts of America. His favorite sports are hunting and fishing. Developing his artistic talents, he has become proficient in music and in wood carving, and is a collector of Indian relics and antique furniture.

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### HAROLD W. HARTMANN

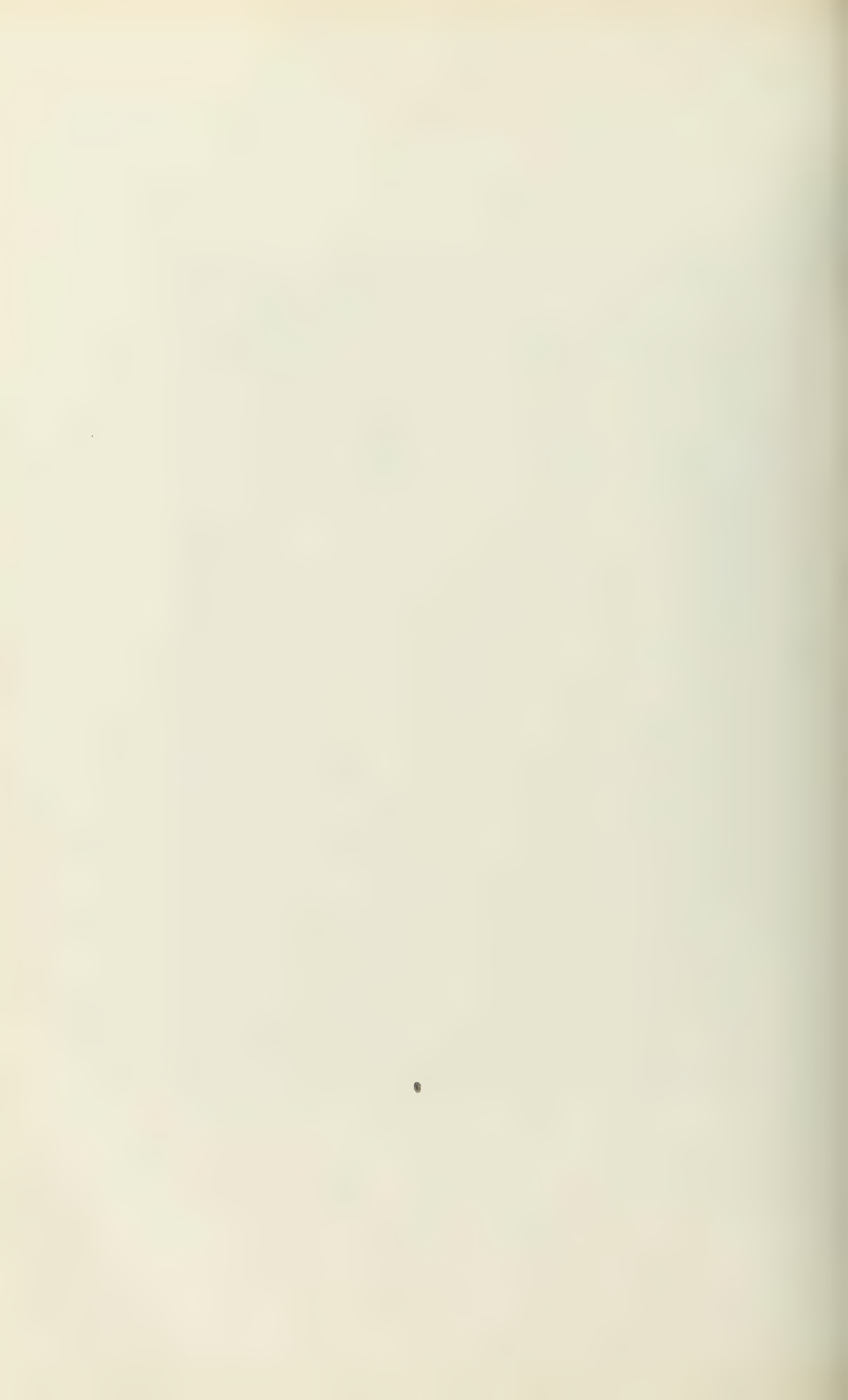
The Hartmann-Clark Brothers Company is one of the leading highway construction firms of the Illinois River Valley and has met with large success through the engineering skill and business ability of its president and treasurer, Harold W. Hartmann. Born in Elgin, Illinois, on the 13th of July, 1893, he is a son of Henry and Caroline (Thurnau) Hartmann, both of whom are natives of Germany. The father came to this country in 1887 and located in Elgin, Illinois, where he had relatives and friends living. For a while he was employed as a farm hand, but after some years engaged in business in Elgin and South Elgin. In 1906 he disposed of his interests there and went to Iowa, where he farmed and engaged in business until 1912. He then removed to Austin, Minnesota, where he followed farming and still resides. The mother came to the United States alone at the age of about twenty-two years and became the wife of Henry Hartmann in Elgin in 1892. To them were born four children, as follows: Harold W.,; Walter C., born November 21, 1894, a resident of Austin, Minnesota; Elmer D., who is engaged in the insurance business in Los Angeles, California; and Alvin C., born in 1910 and residing with his parents.

Harold W. Hartmann acquired his preliminary education in the public schools of Elgin and South Elgin, Illinois, and of Everly, Iowa, and the high school at Hartley, Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1912. He then entered the University of Iowa winning the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1916, and in 1922 received from his alma mater the degree of Civil Engineer. He at once joined the Gaynor Company, a consulting engineering concern of Sioux City, Iowa, with which he remained for a short



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time, and in 1916 he became connected with the state highway department at Springfield, Illinois. Early in 1917 he entered the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad, being engaged in revaluation work in connection with the engineering department. In the summer of that year he again joined the state highway department at Jacksonville, Illinois. From there he went to Lewiston, Montana, and was engaged there in engineering work on surveys for the remainder of the year. In the following year he was with the bridge department of the Northern Pacific Railroad at St. Paul, Minnesota, for several months, when he entered the service of the War Department and was sent to Norfolk and Newport News, Virginia, on construction and sanitary work in connection with the Army Supply Base at the former place and the Embarkation Hospital at the latter point. In February, 1919, he became assistant to the road master at Watertown, South Dakota, with the Great Northern Railroad, but was later transferred to the Sioux City office. He resigned that position to again join the Illinois highway department on June 13, 1919. He started as instrument man but was later promoted to resident engineer at Auburn, Illinois. In April, 1921, he was appointed superintendent of construction and was sent to Dwight, Illinois, resigning that position in July, 1922, to take up employment with the W. C. Meneely Company, of Frankfort, Indiana, as superintendents of its paving outfit at Buffalo, Illinois. In February, 1923, he resigned in order to enter business on his own account in association with Harry and Charles Clark, who were originally from Kentucky. In April, 1924, a corporation was formed, with headquarters at Dwight, Illinois, under the firm name of Hartmann-Clark Brothers Company, to enter into road construction, as well as bridge and culvert work. In January, 1925, the company's office was moved to Peoria and is now at 1302 Peoria Life Insurance building. The officers are, Harold W. Hartmann, president and treasurer; C. E. Clark, vice president; and J. P. McLaughlin, secretary. The firm has completed thirty miles of concrete highway on route 47 north and south from Dwight, also about twelve miles of road from Varna to McNabb, Illinois. In the fall of 1929 they completed about eleven miles of highway on the old Spanish trail near Mobile, Alabama, and also a three hundred

and fifty thousand dollar concrete paving contract for the state of Arkansas, between Smackover and Camden.

On June 25, 1925, Mr. Hartmann was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Fitzpatrick, who was born at Roodhouse, Illinois, where her parents still reside. Mr. and Mrs. Hartmann have a son, Jack H., who was born November 9, 1926. Mr. Hartmann is a member of Austin Lodge, No. 38, A. F. & A. M., at Austin, Minnesota; Auburn (Ill.) Chapter, R. A. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; Springfield (Ill.) Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Ansar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. at Springfield; the North Shore Country Club and the Association of Commerce of Peoria. As to business, he is an expert in all types of road paving, his experience and technical ability being of great value in his role as a contractor, and the splendid success which is crowning his efforts is well merited.

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### MARK DANIEL BATCHELDER

Mark D. Batchelder, head of the Traction Advertising Company of Peoria, is a pioneer in the street car advertising business, a line of publicity which is now very highly regarded by all advertisers. Mr. Batchelder is a descendant of old American stock, the first of the family in America having been Stephen Batchelder, after whom have come in succession Nathaniel, Nathaniel, Thomas, Nathaniel, Joseph, Nathaniel, Mark, James H. and Mark D. Batchelder. James H. Batchelder was born at Plainfield, Vermont, June 21, 1841, and married Phoebe H. Gove, who was born December 28, 1841. She was a granddaughter of Benjamin Taber, the first physician at Lincoln, Vermont, and was also descended from Frances Cook, a passenger on the Mayflower. This branch of the family is described in the Taber and Gove genealogy, and the genealogy of the Batchelder family also has been published.

Mark Daniel Batchelder, son of James H. and Phoebe H. Batchelder, was born in Lincoln, Vermont, October 2, 1868. He received a good education and in 1890, when twenty-two years of age, came to Peoria. In 1892 he secured his first contract for



street car advertising, with the old Fort Clark Street Railway (Jefferson street line) and has been engaged in this business ever since. He is now at the head of the Traction Advertising Company, with offices in the Jefferson building, Peoria, and his operations cover a great many cities in the middle west.

Mr. Batchelder was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Williams, a daughter of Joseph Swift Williams, of Bridport, Addison county, Vermont, and a descendant of Richard Warren, who came over in the Mayflower. To Mr. and Mrs. Batchelder have been born four children, namely: May Belle, who died young; Ella Lucille, the wife of Dewees N. Crawford; Joseph H., who married Miss Isabelle Coffey; and Florence Corinne, who married Lieutenant Colonel Whitman R. Conolly of the United States Army. Mr. Batchelder is a life member of the New England Historical Society and the Society of Mayflower Descendants. An able and successful business man and a loyal and public-spirited citizen, he is very highly regarded in the community in which he lives.

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#### NORMAN H. LYNN, D. D. S.

Dr. Norman H. Lynn, who is engaged in the practice of dentistry at Spring Valley, Bureau county, is meeting with very gratifying success, due to his technical skill, his uniform courtesy and his splendid personal qualities. A native of California, he was born in San Diego, December 19, 1898, and is a son of Robert and Jane (Morrison) Lynn, the former born in New York state and the latter near Pontiac, Illinois. Robert Lynn went to Illinois in young manhood and entered the banking business, with which he has been actively identified until the last few years. He spent a number of years in that business in Spencer, Nebraska, and while at San Diego, California, was there associated with the Merchants National Bank. He and his wife are now living in western Nebraska.

Norman H. Lynn, who is the only child born to his parents, attended the public schools, graduating from the San Diego high school, and later attended the University of Southern California,

the University of Nebraska and the University of Illinois. Along with his other studies he took the course in dentistry, and in 1926 located in Spring Valley, Illinois, where he has practiced to the present time.

On January 14, 1928, Dr. Lynn was united in marriage to Miss Pauline DuBois, of Spring Valley, a daughter of Desire and Pauline (Dhesse) DuBois, both of whom were natives of France, and the father is a building contractor. Of their four children, Mrs. Lynn is the third in order of birth. The Doctor is a member of Peru Lodge, No. 60, A. F. & A. M.; Peru Chapter, R. A. M.; and Spring Valley Post, American Legion. He is a veteran of the World war, in which he served in the coast artillery, reaching the rank of regimental sergeant major. He sailed with his regiment for France in August, 1917, and served on the St. Mihiel and Argonne fronts. He was wounded several times and spent three different periods in hospitals. After receiving his honorable discharge he spent some time in governmental vocational training. He was a charter member of the American Legion Post at Lincoln, Nebraska, and is a past commander of the post at Spring Valley. He is affiliated with the Bureau County Dental Society, the Illinois State Dental Society and the American Dental Association. Because of his sterling character, his fine military record and his cordial and unaffected manner he is well liked throughout the community and has won many warm friends.

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### JACOB STRAWN

The following discourse, occasioned by the death of Jacob Strawn, "the great American farmer," was delivered in Strawn's Hall, Jacksonville, Illinois, September 17, 1865, by Rev. L. M. Glover, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

"Jacob Strawn was born May 31, 1800, in Somerset county, Pennsylvania. When he was seventeen years old his parents removed to Licking county, Ohio, where he was married, at the age of nineteen, to Miss Matilda Green, who departed this life December 28, 1831. They had four children: John Green Strawn, born September 20, 1821; William Strawn, born November 6, 1822;

James Green Strawn, born October 13, 1824; and Isaiah Strawn, born April 30, 1830. In the year 1831, Jacob Strawn had removed to Morgan county, Illinois, and on the 8th of July, 1832, in Bluffdale, Greene county, this state, he married Miss Phebe Gates. By this marriage he had six children, five sons and one daughter, all of whom survive except one son who was killed in an ox-mill wheel when five years old. After a life of almost unexampled activity, and of very unusual success in amassing a fortune, Mr. Strawn died suddenly, at home, of a disease to which he had for years been subject, on the 23d of August, 1865.

"In consideration of Mr. Strawn's long residence in our neighborhood, the marked peculiarities of his character, his prominence as a business man within the special sphere of his activity, and the wonderful achievements of his life, as well as out of regard to the wishes of his family and their numerous connections, it has seemed appropriate that a discourse embodying the main facts and lessons of his history should be prepared and delivered as soon after his decease as convenient, in the presence of his fellow citizens, and in this hall bearing his name and erected as a public benefit by his munificence. It is believed that there is important instruction connected with the subject which should be elicited and employed; it is also believed that there are misconceptions about it which need correction. The present occasion is designed to meet the demand referred to, and the discourse to which your attention is now invited is meant to give utterance to all that friendship may claim, and to all that duty may require, a limitation which should ever be regarded in speaking of the dead, so as at once to be just to human feelings and just to God.

"I speak of Jacob Strawn under the conviction that he was not a common man. Let me add that I seldom passed any time in his company without having the feeling more deeply impressed upon my mind that he was a great man; great, it is true, in a sense peculiar to himself; great in his kind, and as few men of his kind ever come to be. He was as distinguished, in the sphere of his operations, as Napoleon was in his, or Washington in his, or Clay and Webster in theirs. He was as truly a prince among agriculturists and herdsmen as Frederick was among crowned heads, or as Bacon was in the realm of mind. His origin was



humble but respectable. His education was limited to the essential rudiments of knowledge. He was not born to great possessions, but to the necessities of labor. He was not advanced to wealth by rich legacies, or by the accidental falling into his hands of large estates. His success in business was no chance result. It did not come about by favoring circumstances. It was no mere achievement of good luck. The greatness we ascribe to him was legitimate; it was in and of himself, and not in or of fortuities in any sort or to any degree. It does not often occur that so much is accomplished by the forces which are within a man; by sagacity, by self-reliance and energy of will. The problem of his success in life is not solved by the simple fact that he was industrious and hard working. Other men, also, are industrious and hard working, and yet without success, or if successful, usually in a far lower degree. If, therefore, it be said that anyone might achieve what he achieved by doing as he did, we reply that this cannot be so, unless by doing as he did is meant not simply toiling as he toiled, but also planning as he planned. Given the same amount of muscle, the same power of endurance, and the same zeal of work that he possessed, and yet you have not necessarily the man he was, nor do you account for the results of his life. But given all these things, and genius besides, and you have the elements which constituted the real Jacob Strawn, and by virtue of which he became the most distinguished farmer of the age. For he was a man of genius in the proper sense of the word. Genius is not altogether intellectual in its scope. It is not confined to fields of literature and works of art. It cannot be appropriated by poets, philosophers, painters, and sculptors. It belongs also to such as have a special gift in any department of human enterprise and effort. There is no reason why labor should not have its geniuses as well as learning, no reason why the workshop and the farm should not give birth to representative men as well as the learned professions. A man of extraordinary capacity in his sphere, who rises to the first rank in that sphere, who makes himself a model in it, who lays down laws and furnishes examples which it is difficult if not impossible for others to attain unto is a genius. Mr. Strawn was born of the soil, and for the soil he had a kind of filial regard. He took to farming

naturally, and from a love of the employment. It was the bent of his kind. In early life, doubtless, he dreamed of broad acres and vast landed estates. But the special inclination of his genius was toward the handling of cattle. This showed itself when he was a boy ten years of age. Even then he began to exercise himself in that way, and determined that it should constitute the business of his life. And so it did, farming, as commonly pursued, being only incidental and subsidiary to the rearing of stock to supply the markets of towns and cities. The genius of the man led him into extensive operations in his line. He could not farm it on a small scale. A farm which one might walk over in a few minutes would not satisfy him; he must have one which a day's ride on horseback would hardly encompass. He must have broad fields, and many of them. He must have large tracts of land in various places for the accommodation of his stock. These extensive operations involved the employment of very many hands. His estates must be covered with tenants to carry forward the farm work. Numerous persons must be employed to look after the cattle and drive them from field to field, and from farm to farm, and then to market. The oversight of such business required a mind to comprehend the whole. He who watched the entire movement of the machinery and kept all a going must possess great quickness and range of eye, vast power over details, a wondrous faculty to combine and harmonize and turn to a single result such numerous minds and hands and operations. Mr. Strawn was one of a very few men who unite in themselves the various qualifications for such extensive responsibilities. His thoughts ranged rapidly over the whole concern. Nothing appertaining to it escaped his notice. Quick, rapid, and exact, no interest suffered. While attending to what was required at one point he did not allow neglect at another. For to a perfect understanding of the business in which he was engaged he added a thorough knowledge of men. His judgment of character was very keen and accurate. He surveyed a stranger with a most penetrating eye, and seldom erred in the estimate he formed. He did not like a person who could not look him in the eye; he took it as evidencing want of spirit and self-reliance, if not a consciousness of being unworthy. He rightly judged that they would be most

likely to respect him who gave him most occasion to respect them. This insight into character was an indispensable condition of success in the vast business which he carried on. It enabled him to adapt men to places, and thus protect his interests at every point against liabilities of loss or failure. The vicious he would not employ, and the unfaithful he would dismiss. He soon saw who would serve his purpose and who would not. The honest and industrious he encouraged with additional rewards, and thus attached them permanently to his interests, so that they became, in not a few instances, identified for life with his estates. Surely he who could constantly keep in view concerns so numerous and varied, who was capable of such a combination of means and measures suited to a single purpose, cannot be set down as a common man.

“Let it not be supposed that he carried forward these great farming operations by proxy. He was no gentleman farmer. Besides superintending, he took part in the hardest of the work. He showed by example how things were to be done. Before infirmities began to thicken upon him there was not one among all his tenantry whom he did not surpass in actual labor. He wrought with his own hands upon the great problems of wealth which engaged him. Indeed, he was a prodigy of labor. In all weather, by night and by day, he pushed his business forward. Often he got his sleep in the saddle. Nothing but impossibilities were allowed to interfere with the carrying out of his plans. He scorned difficulties. The greater the difficulty, the stronger was his purpose, and the higher his ambition to overcome it. Of privations and hardships he made light. He ceased from nothing deemed necessary to be done, by reason of the heat, or the cold, or the storm. That must have been an iron frame that was equal to such toil and exposure, and met them so long without weariness or exhaustion. We wonder it had not sooner given way before that restless and resistless spirit which wrought in it and by it.

“Mr. Strawn’s life is a lesson of industry, promptitude, and thrift. It shows what power there is in singleness of devotion to a given object. It illustrates the dignity of labor. It exemplifies what the Bible says, ‘The hand of the diligent maketh rich,’ and, ‘Seest thou a man diligent in business, he shall stand before kings,



he shall not stand before mean men.' Mr. Strawn's maxims in regard to the way and means of worldly thrift, which some years ago found their way into the newspapers, are very pertinent and valuable, in matter and form reminding us of many of the wise and pithy sayings of Benjamin Franklin. Idlers he could not abide, nor such as neglect their business, and waste their time going to towns, sitting on street corners, talking of the news and discussing politics. He held laziness to be one of the chief vices, and the cause of most of the poverty and distress in the land and world. He taught that if people would improve in honest labor the time they squander in sleep and ease and pleasure, and in making and unmaking public officers, there would be prosperity and abundance, begging would cease, and that kind of dishonesty, too, by which a part of the community live on the other part. He urged that the way to have money is not to beg, steal, or borrow it, but to make it by early rising, by promptly doing what the hand finds to do, by economy in expenditures according to Poor Richard's maxim that 'a penny saved is a penny gained.' By living up to such rules as these he proved their soundness and value; he made great gains, and those gains were legitimate.

"This leads me to speak of the deceased in a more personal way, as to the principles of action which animated him, and the general estimate which is to be formed of his character. If, unfortunately, any entertain the impression that he was a bad man, it can only be because they have misjudged or have been misinformed. As to his views, I am not aware that he held any which were corrupt. On the contrary, he is believed to have held all the commonly accepted truths of religion and morality. His habits, too, were certainly more unexceptionable than is usual among the opulent. He was not addicted to any vices. In principle and habit he was a thorough temperance man, never using intoxicating liquor in any shape. Nor could he endure men about him who did indulge in strong drink. He set down all such as trifling fellows, and he had no use for them. Tobacco, also, he discarded as both unnecessary and injurious. In moments of high excitement and passion he would employ expressions that are usually regarded as profane, but he was not in the proper sense of the word a profane swearer. He was also remarkably

free from the ostentations of wealth. He exhibited none of the vanity which riches are adapted to produce. He had too much good sense to boast of his possessions. In dress and equipage he was plain as became the first farmer of the Republic. And in regard to his business, so far as I have known and have been able to ascertain by inquiry, he always conducted it on the strictest principles of uprightness. He had a very high sense of honor in his transactions. His word he held sacred. His promptitude in meeting promises was proverbial. If he owed a man, he paid him on the very day, the very hour specified in the agreement, and when men owed him he required them to come to time in like manner. It came to be understood that when Jacob Strawn engaged to do a thing he would do it, whether with or without a written obligation. Between the making of a bargain and the sealing of it by legal forms there was with him no flinching or backing out. His trading too, was uniformly honorable. He was fair in buying, and he was fair in selling. He practiced none of the sly arts of dishonesty. All deception he despised, and there is no reason to believe he ever practiced it for the sake of advantage, and there is as little reason to think it was ever successfully practiced upon him, for he was too discerning to be caught in that way. Honesty, he knew well enough, was a part of his capital, and yet I do not believe he was honest because honesty is the best policy, but because he had no disposition to pursue any other policy. I have yet to hear of a single instance, during the long period of his residence among us, in which he has been known and acknowledged to have departed from that policy, and this is saying much for one who carried on the extensive operations that he did for so many years. He amassed a great fortune, but it is believed he did it by methods entirely unexceptionable. He made money very fast, but the means employed were legitimate. It was not by running hazards of speculation; it was not by any manner of stock gambling, but by the regular operation of the laws of labor and of commerce; by keen, farsighted management, such as seldom failed of the results intended. Mr. Strawn was not one of those who have the faculty of making a fortune one day and losing it the next. He was not of those who risk and break, and whose prosperity is a certain presage of ruin.

He never failed, and had no need of laws in aid of bankrupts, for he did his business on principles that do not expose to unanticipated pressure or disaster. It deserves also to be told that the rectitude of his transactions did not have its rule and measure in that which is strictly and merely legal. Many things that are legal are not exactly right according to higher principles. There are many ways of doing among business men which, though covered by forms of law, are yet unequal and oppressive. Mr. Strawn was remarkably free from vices of that sort. He was slow to take advantage of a man's present necessities, much more of his misfortunes, to further a selfish end. He took interest for his money, but not exorbitant interest. He never acquired the reputation of a hard and uncompromising usurer. Nor did he incur the odium which, whether justly or unjustly, attaches to dealing in other men's paper, commonly called shaving notes. He was not a jockey of any sort. He did not enrich himself at the expense of his neighbors. He did not increase his own by unsettling the estates of his fellowmen. Doubtless, he often pressed his claims by legal means, but he got no one into his power for the sake of fleecing him, nor was his thrift due to any advantage taken of persons fallen into straits. Though little disposed to favor such as had failed of their engagements through laziness or neglect, he was not guilty of distressing any whose misfortunes made an appeal for leniency. It was not by any sort of rapacity that his great fortune was amassed. His reputation is not associated with the foreclosing of mortgages, and the enforcement of executions, regardless of mercy's and humanity's claim. Nor was he an oppressor in the matter of wages. He did not grind the faces of the poor. He gave those in his employ what was just and equal, and numerous persons who served him, and who with their families were dependent upon him, will doubtless feel that in his death they have lost a friend. For he was a friend to working men, a friend in need to the poor and suffering. If any conceive of him as hard-hearted and unfeeling, they mistake. Under that rude exterior there beat a heart that was easily touched by an appeal to sympathy. Rough, bustling, and stormy as he was at times, at other times he was mild and gentle as childhood. The real story of poverty and want never failed to reach his ear. He



did not turn away coldly from any well authenticated tale of sorrow. I have seen him melted to tears by tender words. I have seen his great frame convulsed as he listened to touching narrations of suffering and sorrow. For the soldier and his family he had warm sympathies, and as his heart prompted aid in their distresses so his hand did not withhold it. He loved his country and those who served her in the field. He was warmly attached to the late president, because he believed him honest, sincere, unselfish, and earnestly devoted to the welfare of the nation.

“It would not be strange if some thought Mr. Strawn miserly. If so, they either mistook him or the meaning of the word. He was doubtless fond of making money, and the money he made he took good care of. He was no spendthrift. He wasted nothing in the ways of a thoughtless prodigality. He studied carefulness and economy, but he was not small and penurious. He was no miser. The miser is the meanest form of human character. He loves money for its own sake. He pursues it as an ultimate good. He hoards it as a source of delight. He values it more highly than anything he can buy with it. It is to him more than meat and raiment. It is to him comfort and luxury. All other comforts and luxuries he denies himself that he may enjoy his money alone. His happiness is in counting what he has got and in getting more. With an abundance at hand, he impoverishes both his body and his mind, making no provision for social or intellectual enjoyment. To the calls of sympathy and friendship he gives no heed. To the appeals of suffering humanity he is deaf. Though eagerly gathering in the means of good, he gives out nothing from his full store. With Mr. Strawn it was far from being so. He held to his money with no such miserly grasp. What he deemed necessary for himself or family he supplied cheerfully and bountifully. He stinted none dependent upon him in the matter of food and raiment. To the poor and suffering he lent a helping hand. To immediate objects of charity he usually gave something. To more general benevolent causes, such as make their appeal to a decided religious principle, he was more slow to contribute; and yet if an enterprise struck him as good and beneficial in its tendency he was likely to do something for it, and I never knew of his contributing even the smallest amount to any doubtful or bad

object, or such as he thought to be so. He would help build schoolhouses and meeting-houses, but he would do nothing in aid of any enterprise intended, or in his estimation adapted, to corrupt or injure society. In various conversations with him I urged the importance of more bountiful giving to acknowledged good causes, for this reason, among others, that it would add to his enjoyment. To this he assented, saying he thought it likely. And afterward, when he made the munificent gift of ten thousand dollars to the Christian Commission, he is understood to have admitted that it gave him more pleasure than any other act of his life. A few days before his death he contributed again to the same object. A man of miserly spirit makes no such record as this. Devoted as Mr. Strawn was to the acquisition of wealth, he condescended to nothing little or mean. His money he did not keep to look at, but put it forth and kept it in motion, with an active and enterprising spirit, in matters of trade and commerce, whereby, while reaping large advantages himself, he conferred great favors upon the community. He usually entered on no enterprises but such as he knew would pay. There is one eminent exception to that course, namely, the erection of this magnificent Hall, which he well understood could be remunerative in no degree commensurate to the vast amount of funds invested in it. Some speak of it as designed for a monument to himself. I am sure, however, that he did not authorize the idea, and yet if he intended it to be so it is to his praise that he sought to associate his name with a work not only noble in itself, but so well adapted, by proper management, to be a public benefit, and that for many years.

“It is well known that Mr. Strawn never made any professions of piety. He was not a contemner of religion. He believed it important and necessary. He looked upon the Bible as a good book, and of divine authority. He was no reviler of Christian people, but for those whose lives and spirit commended them as sincerely and truly pious he showed a marked respect; at the same time, Christians who act like sinners he despised. It would be useless to deny and needless to affirm that he had something of a self-righteous spirit, for that is not so much the fault of particular persons as of the whole race. But he was not to my

knowledge offensively faulty in that regard. He doubtless saw some making larger professions than himself who fell below his own standard of moral action and well doing, and he may occasionally have drawn the contrast. Yet he was far from thinking himself perfect, and there is no reason to presume that he looked for salvation on the ground of personal merit. He no doubt oftener had a sense of imperfection than he expressed it, at the same time it was not unfrequently that he acknowledged regret for his errors. It is well known to his friends that he was often deeply pained at the remembrance of many things said and done by him in moments of unrestrained passion. He felt the difficulty, and yet he knew the importance of curbing that vehemence of temper which was characteristic of him, and there is some reason to think he did try to break in upon the tendency and the habit. It was noticed that toward the close of his life he was more quiet and subdued than formerly. This was doubtless due in part to the infirmities which kept him more in-doors, and that forced him more to reflection and to a forecasting of the future. He seemed latterly to be fully impressed with the near approach of death, and the thought, so far as entertained and dwelt upon, could not fail to be salutary. It was also observed that the last few weeks and months were much spent in reading the Bible, and it is supposed he perused large portions of that sacred book, if not the whole of it, during those closing periods of his life. As we look back upon his course the error which impresses itself upon us was not that of openly despising religion, but of practically neglecting it. He probably intended attention to the subject at some future and convenient season, yet like others he did not find that worldly cares and business relaxed in favor of religion and the pursuit of it, but that the more deeply he became involved in outward things, the less he was inclined to the pursuit of those things which are spiritual and eternal. This is usually, indeed, necessarily so. And hence the importance, in every case, of giving heed to paramount interests, of seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, of securing before all things else an inheritance in the skies. When this is done a man's spirit is altogether in harmony with his real welfare, his life is marked by a proper unity of purpose and effort, and his whole character is fashioned



to the just proportions of an immortal existence. The qualities which we admire in our great citizen farmer, as diligence, energy, perseverance, are not the less but the more to be admired when animated and inspired by the lofty principles of religion. And I have often thought during his life what a grateful thing it would be to see that restless spirit quieted and subdued by the love of Jesus; to see that mighty working force, body and soul, energized by an active and childlike faith in the Redeemer; and to see all the capabilities and results of that wondrous life laid down at the foot of the Cross. That would have been such a sight as is not often witnessed. That would have been a character as much excelling in moral greatness as the character I have described actually excels in the elements of natural greatness. That would have been a piety unusually illustrated with virtues, and made memorable for ages by the good fruits attending it. And nothing is more demanded in our day than such consecration of mind, of energies, and of acquisitions to God and the great objects and interests of the Christian faith. It is not desirable that there should be less of worldly thrift and prosperity, but that these should be properly employed, and wisely directed to useful ends; that 'Holiness to the Lord' should be written upon all the capacities of man, and upon all the wealth he honestly acquires. And if we may anticipate a time when this shall take place, how unspeakably glorious the day will be. Then will the energies and the activities and gains of this world flow unto Him who hath redeemed the world by the price of His blood, and Whose all things are by the covenant thus sealed and ratified. Then will men lash themselves and nail whatever they possess to the Cross; upon it shall be suspended the fruits of their toil and genius, the wealth of labor and the wealth of love; all the riches of the earth shall pour into Zion; they shall bring their gold and silver from afar; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts, and everything beautiful and precious shall deck the diadem of the despised but exalted Nazarene. Blessed millennial period, let it soon come!

"My friends, how soon death closes the scene of our earthly existence. 'The days of our years are three score years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be four score years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off and we fly away.'

The life we have been contemplating fell short by several years of the allotted period. There is now an end of all his earnest thinking, all his wise planning, and all his vast labors. That restless heart has ceased to beat. That busy, unquiet life has reached its goal. All those vast and effective energies are forever still on earth. In the grave whither he has gone 'there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom,' neither has he 'any more a portion forever in anything that is done under the sun.' And as it is with him so will it soon be with us. Similar destinies hang over our earthly existence. In a little while there will be an end of all those worldly plans, interests, and pleasures which now occupy us. Swiftly and suddenly, as in his case, the messenger of death may come, and between the warning and the time set for our departure the period may be exceeding brief. How serious the thought of making an exchange of worlds, and of making that exchange upon a hasty and unexpected requisition of the soul. And how imminent the danger of receiving the summons before our work is done, of its being delivered at the very time when we are thinking ourselves happily and securely fixed for many years, and even when we seem most essential to our families and friends, and the circles in which we move. Let us, therefore, watch and be ready. Let us seek the proper fitness to live that we may also possess the proper fitness to die, so that whether living or dying we may be the Lord's. And let us remember that the fitness which adapts to the emergencies, both of the present and the future, life and death, is a vital interest in the exhaustless merit and the cleansing blood of the adorable Redeemer, to whose love and grace and saving power I commend you all. Amen."

The following article appeared in a local newspaper under date of December 19, 1916: "About two o'clock Sunday afternoon fire completely destroyed the large brick structure known as the 'old Strawn house,' located southwest of the city on land now owned by the Edwin Beggs estate. The house was built by Jacob Strawn, then one of the wealthiest landowners and cattle dealers in the state. . . . The Strawn house was one of the historic structures in the county. It was built, according to Mr. Gates Strawn, about seventy-eight years ago. He remembers

well hearing his father tell about the building of the house, which was a three-story structure and made of brick. It is related that the brick were burned right there on the farm and the main timbers were hewn from the nearby forest. The house was about fifty-two by forty-eight in general dimensions and a wide hall ran straight through the center from front to rear. It is easy to judge the great size of the rooms when it is understood that there were only two on each side of this great hall. Originally there was no stairway from the main hall to the upper stories. Instead one entered a door at the side of the hall and from this room or inner hallway stairs extended to the rooms above. Some years afterward Mrs. Strawn had interior changes made in the house and a stairway was constructed in the main hall. There were four great fireplaces in the down-stairs rooms. The second-story rooms were about the size of those below. On the third floor there were five or six sleeping rooms. The basement was deep and all under the east side of the house half the hallway was plastered. One of the old-time features there was a great coffee mill which was in stationary position on a strong pedestal made from solid wood. At one place in the outside wall were the doors to a bake oven, the oven proper being on the outside of the house. The basement on the west side of the house was as deep as that on the east side but was not plastered and was used particularly for the storage of vegetables and fruits. A great porch extended across the house at the south side and was a two-story affair with the pillars reaching from the foundation to the roof of the second story. Shortly after the house had been built a portion of this porch was enclosed for a kitchen, which was made thirty feet by twenty. Another room was also attached where in the early days the late Jacob Strawn kept a stock of mittens, calicoes and some other articles usually found in a general store and which might be needed by employes and tenants. Mr. Strawn's purpose was to keep these men at home rather than have them go to the village of Jacksonville, where they might not only spend more money than was desirable, but also come under certain unfortunate influences. No figures were obtainable as to the cost of the house, but in its day it was one of the very finest ever built in Morgan county."



Mrs. Phebe (Gates) Strawn, of whom there can be only few equals, was born in Deerfield, Washington county, Ohio, October 28, 1814. She came as a bride to the home of Jacob Strawn—a home of many cares, for a stock farm of eight thousand acres called for many helpers, and many guests coming and going had to be entertained. Her husband was the “cattle king of the west,” as generous and sympathetic with industry and honesty as he was intolerant of laziness and duplicity, as wonderful a judge of noble womanhood as he was of fine cattle. Everything under her guiding hand moved quietly and smoothly, though her husband was absent from home much of the time and responsibility rested upon her. Five sons and one daughter, Martha Strawn, came to that home. Martha, the joy of her life, lived only long enough to prove the lovely traits of womanhood she had inherited from her mother and then passed on, leaving a wound in that mother’s heart that was never healed. To Mrs. Strawn’s native refinement and culture and to the far-seeing mind of her husband, for in those days there was little opportunity for educational advantages, the community owes the Strawn opera house, built in 1860, the first and only one for years outside of Chicago. All the artists from home and abroad who came to Chicago from Boston or New York city stopped at Jacksonville on their way to St. Louis: Christine Nilsson; Carlotta Patti (her sister, Adelina Patti, had been here before); Clara Louise Kellogg; the “Black Swan,” Dona Rosa; Rubinstein; Gottschalk; Ole Bull, violin virtuoso from Norway; and the Boston Symphony every year; orators and other celebrated speakers, for there were giants on the lecture platform then, brought here by the Sigma Pi and Phi Alpha societies of Illinois College—Henry Ward Beecher, Anna Dickinson, John B. Gough, Wendell Phillips; actors and actresses—Modjeska, Sol Smith Russell, Mrs. Scott Siddons, Edwin Booth, Thomas Keene and many others. The young people of those days were brought up on classical music, eloquence and star actors, and the trend of Jacksonville was turned in the right direction, thanks to the generosity and public spirit of Jacob and Phebe Strawn. After the death of her husband, in 1865, Mrs. Strawn’s interest in public affairs did not cease. Most generous were her gifts to Passavant Hospital, Illinois College, the Academy and in

fact to all of the projects presented to her. Her hand was ever ready to help and her voice to encourage the weary or unfortunate. In 1882 she built the elegant home at 331 West College avenue. She died in 1906, at the age of ninety years.

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### CLARENCE ST. CLAIR DRAKE, M. D.

Dr. Clarence St. Clair Drake occupies a conspicuous place among the able and distinguished medical men of the Illinois River Valley and is now filling the responsible position of superintendent of the Jacksonville State Hospital at Jacksonville. He was born at Fingal, Elgin county, Ontario, Canada, January 23, 1870, a son of Adelbert A. and Eliza Jane (McIntosh) Drake. His father was purchasing agent for the Michigan Central Railroad in Canada.

C. St. Clair Drake acquired his early education in public and private schools of St. Thomas, Ontario, after which he attended the Collegiate Institute in that city. In 1888 he made his way to Chicago, Illinois, and matriculated in the Homeopathic Medical College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1891. The same year he began practice in Chicago, where in 1895 he became connected with the health department as statistician for vital statistics, continuing in that capacity until 1909. During the succeeding five years he was editor of the Weekly Bulletin in the same department, while from April 13, 1914, until July 1, 1917, he was a member, secretary and executive officer of the Illinois state board of health. On the latter date he took up his duties as director of public health of the state of Illinois and thus served until February 1, 1921. Dr. Drake is a member of the American Public Health Association; the American Statistical Association; the Illinois Public Health Association; the Illinois Tuberculosis Association; the Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness; the American Medical Association, being chairman of the section on preventive medicine in 1918; and the Illinois, Chicago and Southern Illinois Medical Societies. He is an honorary life member of the Conference of State and Provincial Health Authorities of North

America, of which he served as secretary and treasurer from 1919 until 1922; was member and secretary of the National Health Council in 1920-21; educational director of the Chicago Pageant of Progress Exposition in 1921-22; director of publicity for the Chicago Boosters' Publicity Club in 1921-22; educational director of the National Health Exposition in 1923-24; and field director of the American Public Health Association from 1925 until 1929. Since the latter year he has been managing officer of the Jacksonville State Hospital of Jacksonville, Illinois, discharging his duties in a manner that reflects great credit on his professional and executive ability. Dr. Drake was honorary president of the Illinois Health and Welfare Association from 1920 until 1923.

On the 16th of December, 1897, Dr. Drake was united in marriage to Miss Alice Adams, of Chicago, and they are the parents of a son, Carlton St. Clair. In his political views the Doctor is a republican, while his religious faith is that of the Baptist Church. He is an ex-president of the Ashland, Neighborly, Fort Dearborn and Town and Country Clubs of Chicago and also a member of the Illini Country Club of Springfield and has long enjoyed high standing in both social and professional circles throughout this part of the state.

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### WILLIAM ROE

William Roe, one of the older and distinguished members of the La Salle county bar, has been engaged in the practice of his profession in this locality for over thirty-five years and no man stands higher in the confidence of the people than he. Mr. Roe was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, August 13, 1868, a son of Thomas and Mary (Jamieson) Roe, both of whom were of Scotch nativity. They brought their family to the United States in November, 1884, and settled in Oglesby, La Salle county, Illinois, where they spent their remaining days, the father dying in November, 1891, at the age of fifty-eight and the mother passing away some years later. Thomas Roe, who was a coal miner of many years of practical experience, was a man of character and





MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM ROE AND FAMILY



intelligence and a loyal and patriotic citizen of his adopted country.

William Roe acquired a public school education, was about sixteen years of age when brought to this country, and began working in the coal mines at Oglesby and some time later took up the study of law, which he read in the evenings at home. In December, 1894, on examination, he was admitted to the bar, entered upon active work and during the subsequent years has commanded his full share of the legal business of his community and county, conducting an honorable and ethical practice. He spent a number of years in the southern part of Illinois, and practiced his profession at West Frankfort, Illinois, where for some time he was city attorney and judge and where he made many friends. On account of his wife and children's health he returned in April, 1927, with his family to La Salle, Illinois, his original home town, and continues his practice there.

In 1914 Mr. Roe was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Spry, whose father, William Spry, was a member of an old English family. Mr. and Mrs. Roe are the parents of two children, Mary Ann, sixteen years of age, a student in high school, and William Ernest, eleven years old, attending the public schools. Mr. Roe is a member of the First Congregational Church of La Salle and has always given his earnest support to every agency for the moral, educational and civic advancement of his city and county. He has devoted much of his spare time to literature and is the author of several works of recognized merit. During the years of his professional career he has won not only material success, but also the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens, who recognize in him a man of the most substantial and valuable qualities.

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#### FRANK T. MILLER

One of Peoria's best known citizens is Frank T. Miller, who is numbered among the leading members of the legal profession and is also prominently identified with various important business institutions here. He was born in Cologne, Germany, on the 1st of January, 1873, and is a son of Theodore D. and Clara A.



(Miller) Miller. His father, also a native of Germany, was born May 30, 1842. He fought in the Franco-Prussian war in 1870-71, and in 1881 he came to the United States, leaving his family in the fatherland. In August of that year he located in Champaign, Illinois, where his family joined him on the 29th of July, 1882, and in the following year they established their home in Bloomington, this state. Mr. Miller was a carpenter by trade and was a good workman. He died in Bloomington, Illinois, October 4, 1921. The mother, who was born in Germany, December 21, 1846, died in Bloomington, March 6, 1927.

Frank T. Miller attended school in Germany about three years and continued his education in the public schools of Champaign and Bloomington until twelve years of age, when he obtained employment. After working a number of years, during which time he prepared himself as a musician, he entered the law school of Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, when twenty-one years of age, paying his way with earnings as a musician. In spite of the handicap of lack of education and earning his way, he graduated with honors on June 9, 1896, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He then took a three-year special literary course in his alma mater, and in 1899 came to Peoria and entered upon the practice of law. After practicing alone for eight months, he formed a partnership with the late Daniel R. Sheen under the firm name of Sheen & Miller, which relation was continued for nine years. On July 1, 1909, Mr. Miller, John S. Stevens and John M. Elliott formed a partnership under the name of Stevens, Miller & Elliott, which firm style was continued until 1921, though Mr. Stevens died in March, 1912. In 1921 the name was changed to Miller, Elliott & Westervelt, O. P. Westervelt having been a member of the firm since 1915. This is a strong and successful combination, being regarded as one of the leading law firms in the valley, commanding a large and important practice. Mr. Miller is a director of the Commercial Merchants National Bank and Trust Company, and a director in various other corporations.

On September 16, 1903, in Peoria, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Lillian Bruce Morgan, who was born and reared in Peoria and is a daughter of Henry B. and Jeannette (Woodruff) Morgan,

the latter now deceased. Mrs. Morgan was a sister of Mayor E. N. Woodruff of Peoria. Mr. Morgan was postmaster of Peoria under the second Cleveland administration and afterward for twenty years was manager of the Peoria Water Company. Mrs. Miller is a graduate of the Peoria high school and received her musical education in Berlin, Germany. She is a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist. For two years she was president of the Amateur Musical Club and she belongs to the Peoria Women's Club and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of two daughters. Jeannette Morgan, who graduated from the Peoria high school and Principia College, is the wife of Valentine C. Guenther, a lawyer, associated with the firm of Miller, Elliott & Westervelt. Lillian Bruce, who graduated from the Peoria high school, attended Principia College, in St. Louis, Missouri, and Knox School for Girls in Cooperstown, New York.

In his political views Mr. Miller is a republican and has always shown a live interest in everything concerning the public welfare. He is a director and was the president of the Peoria Community Fund Association, to which he devotes a very considerable portion of his time. During the World war he served on the fuel administration board and was effective in his support of the various Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives. He was three times (1901, 1905 and 1909) appointed by the governor to be public administrator of Peoria county and made a record as to the number of estates handled, having over five hundred appointments during his service. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Peoria Association of Commerce (for which he is national councillor), the Peoria Country Club, the Creve Coeur Club, the University Club, all of Peoria; the Union League Club of Chicago; and the Phi Gamma Delta Club of New York city. He is a trustee of the Young Men's Christian Association and is on the advisory board of the Salvation Army. Professionally, he helped organize the Peoria County Bar Association and also belongs to the Illinois State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He is a lover of athletics, his favorite forms of recreation being tennis in summer and handball in winter. He has been successful in both profes-

sional and business affairs, exemplifies a high type of citizenship in his relationship to his fellowmen and to community interests, and is regarded as one of Peoria's representative men. His law office is one of the largest in the state outside of Chicago and represents many of the railroads and industrial and business corporations in central Illinois.

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### DOT (DORSEY) SWAN

Concentrating her attention upon the newspaper business, Dot (Dorsey) Swan has become well known in journalistic circles of the Illinois River Valley as editor of the Pike County Republican, published at Pittsfield. She was born in Perry, Pike county, Illinois, November 6, 1878, a daughter of Ed R. Dorsey, whose forbears first settled in Maryland, later going to Kentucky, and thence to Tennessee. Eventually members of the family came to Illinois and were pioneers in the development of the state. The grandfather, B. F. Dorsey, was born in Perry Springs, Pike county, Illinois, November 11, 1832, and was the fourth son of Charles and Eleanor Dorsey. In 1851, B. F. Dorsey married Matilda Hobbs and their children were Ed R. and Asa L. Dorsey. B. F. Dorsey and his sons were among the first breeders of pure bred stock in Pike county. They specialized in the breeding of Berkshire and Poland China hogs and Spanish American merino sheep, shipping stock of this kind to all parts of the United States and to other countries as well. In 1851, B. F. Dorsey was an exhibitor at the first fair held in Pike county. He also raised fine horses, specializing in Cleveland bays, English shire and harness horses. For many years he was classed with the foremost breeders of live stock in the middle west and since his death on November 19, 1915, the business has been successfully carried forward by his sons. He was an elder in the Christian Church and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Ed R. Dorsey was born in Perry, Illinois, May 9, 1859, and there acquired his education, attending a private school conducted by Professor Clark Brader. In addition to the raising of blooded



stock he wrote live stock advertisements for current publications, thus continuing for years. In 1900 he removed to Girard, Kansas, where he has since made his home, although he spends much time in Illinois. He has owned several farms in the Sunflower state and for several years has engaged in the furniture business at Girard. On December 31, 1877, he married Rachel Ann Chenowith, who was born May 15, 1859, a daughter of Miles B. and Anna Eliza (Allen) Chenowith. Her grandfather, Abraham Chenowith, was one of the earliest settlers in Pike county, Illinois, and in that county Miles B. Chenowith was born May 13, 1827. He was a farmer and stockman and passed away May 14, 1905. His daughter, Mrs. Ed R. Dorsey, became the mother of five children: Dot, of this review; Bennett F., who died in infancy; Nelle, who was born in 1888 and died in 1908; Asa B., who was born May 31, 1890, and died October 28, 1917; and Miles Ed, who was born April 13, 1895, went overseas for service in the World war and is now engaged in the undertaking business at Girard, Kansas.

In the acquirement of an education Dot Dorsey attended the grade schools of Perry and the Illinois Woman's College at Jacksonville. On the 29th of March, 1898, she was married to Burr Harrison Swan, who was born at Chambersburg, Illinois, April 30, 1876, the son of Christopher Irving and Caroline Cordelia (Dunham) Swan. Christopher I. Swan was born at Chambersburg, February 10, 1851. He gave his political support to the democratic party and filled the offices of county clerk and school superintendent of Pike county. He was one of the pioneer factors in the development of the schools of this county and was himself a successful educator. His religious faith was that of the Christian Church, of which he was an active member. The Swans trace their lineage to John and Priscilla Alden, and the American progenitors of the family came to this country from England prior to the Revolutionary war. Following the close of that conflict the family moved to Ohio and thence came to Illinois during the pioneer epoch in the history of this state. Mrs. Caroline Cordelia (Dunham) Swan, the mother of Burr Harrison Swan, was born August 1, 1851, at Pittsfield, Illinois. She was also of pre-Revolutionary stock, her people having emigrated

from England or Wales to Connecticut. Burr Harrison Swan attended the grade schools of Pittsfield but put aside his textbooks when in the seventh grade to learn the printer's trade in the office of the Old Flagg of Pittsfield, of which his father was the editor and owner. In 1895 he resumed his school studies, completing the regular high school course in two and one-half years and continuing his work as a printer. In April, 1898, he enlisted in Company A, Fifth Regiment of Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Spanish-American war. He was a first sergeant of his company and was mustered out in October, 1898. Burr H. Swan was three times a member of the Illinois National Guard, holding the commission of lieutenant. He was the first republican to be elected judge of Pike county in forty years. He also served Pittsfield as postmaster, was for eighteen years a member of the school board and for twelve years president of the board. He was a member and elder of the Christian Church and superintendent of the Sunday school for eleven years. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Masonic bodies, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America, and he was active in the organization of the Lions Club of Pittsfield. For years he was identified with journalistic interests as editor of the Pike County Republican, which is still owned and edited by his wife, Dot Dorsey Swan. Burr H. Swan was a man of high ideals, fine character and of determined, fearless, aggressive spirit, and was a tireless worker. He loved his fellowmen and had an extensive circle of warm and steadfast friends. His death occurred October 13, 1927, and his remains were interred at Pittsfield.

Burr Harrison and Dot (Dorsey) Swan became the parents of three children. Dorothy L., the eldest, was born June 1, 1905, and pursued her education in the Pittsfield high school and in the Woman's College of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She is a member of the Christian Church and the Daughters of the American Revolution. On the 1st of September, 1921, she became the wife of W. Prestone Miller, a native of Bristol, Tennessee, who is now general business manager of the Pike County Republican, with which Mrs. Miller is identified in an editorial capacity. The second child of Mr. and Mrs. Burr H. Swan is Maxine Velincia, who

was born in Pittsfield, May 6, 1907, and acquired her education in the Pittsfield high school and the Chicago Normal School of Physical Education. She was married September 1, 1927, to William Oatman, who is a graduate of Dartmouth College and is now interested in a milk products factory at Arpin, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Oatman have two children: John David, born June 15, 1928; and Rachel, born February 4, 1931. The mother has membership in the Christian Church and in the organization known as the Daughters of the American Revolution. Priscilla, the third child of Mr. and Mrs. Swan, was born February 4, 1916, and is a senior in high school. After graduation she plans to enter the School of Journalism at the University of Illinois.

Mrs. Swan gives her political support to the republican party, while her religious faith is indicated by her membership in the Christian Church. Since the death of her husband, she has been the editor and owner of the Pike County Republican, and she is a fluent, gifted writer who has found in journalism a most congenial field. An active business woman, she turns to athletics for recreation and is also very fond of instructive literature.

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### WILLIAM TAYLOR DAVIDSON

In the history of journalism in the Illinois River Valley, the name of William T. Davidson has a conspicuous place, for, as editor of the Fulton County Democrat, at Lewistown, he not only conducted a notably successful newspaper, but exerted a distinct influence in favor of those things which were vital to the development and progress of the community. Mr. Davidson was born in Petersburg, Menard county, Illinois, on the 8th of February, 1837, and was a son of Isham Gillham and Sarah Ann (Springer) Davidson. The father was a native of South Carolina, born in 1802, and in 1807 was brought to Illinois by his parents. He came of sturdy old Revolutionary stock and possessed those essential qualities of the frontiersman, daring, courage, common sense and a high sense of honor. The Davidson home was established in Madison county, about fifteen miles east of St. Louis, and it became necessary for them to live in forts during the War of



1812, and indeed until 1815, the men carrying their rifles with them as they cultivated their fields. Isham G. Davidson moved to Petersburg, Illinois, in 1835 and there established a dry goods store and a flouring mill. He met with misfortune, however, for his mill was destroyed by fire and he lost his remaining property in the panic of 1837. He then secured a contract to carry the mail from Springfield to Lewistown on the typical Concord coaches of that day, each being drawn by from two to four horses. This brought him and his family to Lewistown, as the terminal of the route, in 1838.

In Madison county, Illinois, in 1826, Isham G. Davidson was married to Sarah Ann Springer, who was born in Kentucky, June 2, 1810, and was brought to Illinois in 1811 by her parents, who desired to get away from negro slavery and located near the Davidson family. The Springer family line is an ancient one, being traced back to Pharamond, A. D. 420. From him the line descends through Charles Martel, Pepin and Charlemagne to Louis II, Count of Thuringia, who was born in 1042. Louis II was falsely accused of murder and jumped out of a castle into the moat to escape death. He was captured, but the emperor believed him innocent and, in admiration of his courage, gave him the name of The Springer, which name was adopted by the family. One descendant was Johann Jacob Springer, who owned Wartburg Castle, where Martin Luther had refuge in 1521-22. Christopher Springer, another descendant, fought with Gustavus Adolphus in defense of Protestantism in Germany and later returned to Sweden with that prince, settling in Stockholm. He had three sons, Lorenze, Carl and Jacob, who emigrated to America early in the seventeenth century. Carl Springer settled in Wilmington, Delaware, and was prominent in the early life of that colony. He died in 1638 and is buried in the churchyard of "Old Swedes Church," at Wilmington. His grandson, John Springer, was one of the early explorers of Kentucky and fought with Daniel Boone and in the Revolutionary war. He settled in Washington county, Kentucky, and became the father of thirteen children, one of whom was John Springer, who married Susannah Sage on July 13, 1809. Their first child was Sarah Ann, the wife of Isham Gillham Davidson, whose marriage occurred in 1826

and who passed away in 1893. Isham G. Davidson had personal acquaintance with Abraham Lincoln, Stephen Douglas and Peter Cartwright and his home was their stopping place when they were in Petersburg.

William Taylor Davidson received his education in the schools of his home neighborhood, in which both equipment and methods were somewhat primitive. Starting in at four years of age, he attended two or three months a year, missing some years entirely, until twelve years old, when it became necessary for him to go to work to assist in the support of the family. During the ensuing five years he was employed in the freighting business with his father, hauling produce to either Havana or Liverpool, on the Illinois river, and a load of merchandise on his return trip, also hauling building stone, sand, coal and wood, all heavy loads to be handled by a mere boy, with a frail physique. On April 3, 1853, he entered the office of the *Fulton Republican*, published by Hugh Lamaster at Lewistown. He also worked on the *Peoria Daily Herald* and in 1856 helped to start the *Peoria Transcript*. Returning to Lewistown, he worked on the *Fulton County Democrat* with his brother, who was the founder. Two years later he bought the paper and published it until 1894, when he sold it and went to Texas. Coming back to Lewistown in 1895, he rebought the *Democrat*, at the head of which he remained until his death, which occurred January 3, 1915. As a business man he was capable, progressive and honorable. As an editor he left the impress of his individuality on his community, for during all the years of his connection with the press of his home community he was a stanch and consistent advocate and supporter of those things which were right and in the interest of the public welfare. He was a democrat in his political belief and his paper supported that party until 1884, when because of intolerable local political conditions, he turned his support to the prohibition party. Subsequently the *Democrat* became an independent democratic paper and has remained so to the present. Mr. Davidson wielded a trenchant pen and his editorials on leading questions of the day attracted national attention.

Mr. Davidson was married twice, first on January 24, 1860, to Miss Lucinda M. Miner, of Columbus, Ohio, who died Decem-

ber 25, 1893. To that union were born seven children, as follows: Harold Lee, deceased; Mabel, who died in infancy; Bertha B., of Lewistown; Frances Mildred, of Orlando, Florida; Lulu Martha, of Orlando, Florida; Nellie, who died in infancy; and Maude G., of Orlando, Florida. On April 3, 1895, Mr. Davidson was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Gilman George, who died November 22, 1897, leaving a son, William Gilman, born May 1, 1896. Mrs. Davidson's father was Rev. D. Y. George, an able and talented minister of the Presbyterian Church, who had come to this state from Missouri.

Though an active democrat, Mr. Davidson never sought public office, but he held the office of county superintendent of schools in 1863-65, and also was alderman of Lewistown for one year. He was a prohibitionist in moral sentiment and was an earnest member of the Presbyterian Church. He was active in civic affairs, having helped to establish the water-works, the building and loan association and other local enterprises of importance and value. He fought courageously for every principle which he believed to be right and was a worthy exemplar of the highest type of American citizenship. He was a member of the Masonic order and was true to its teachings.

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### VICTOR B. WOOD

Victor B. Wood, who has so ably and satisfactorily filled the office of county superintendent of schools of Schuyler county, Illinois, for the past eight years, is one of the best known educators in this section of the state, his work in this responsible position having gained for him marked prestige in the profession. He was born at Huntsville, Schuyler county, February 7, 1891, and is a son of William H. and Frances Helen (Wright) Wood. His father is also a native of Schuyler county, where he followed farming and stock-raising during his active life, his specialty being the breeding of fine horses. Because of ill health he is now retired from all active pursuits. He is a republican in his political views and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife, who is deceased, was born and reared in



Schuyler county and was a daughter of Singleton and Sarah (Graham) Wright.

Victor B. Wood's early education was received in the rural schools of his home neighborhood and later he entered Western Illinois State Teachers College at Macomb, from which he was graduated in 1913. While a student there he was president of the sophomore class and a member of the Emersonian Society. He taught for two years in the rural schools of his home county, after which he served for two years as principal of the Frederick grade school. On September 5, 1917, Mr. Wood enlisted for service in the World war, and was sent to Camp Dodge, where he was assigned to Company B, Three Hundred and Forty-sixth Infantry Regiment, Eighty-eighth Division. Later he was transferred to Camp Pike, Arkansas, and to the Eighty-seventh Division. He entered the officers training camp there and was commissioned a second lieutenant, after which he was transferred to Camp Dix, New Jersey, where he became an officer in the Sixty-third Pioneer Infantry. He remained in that camp until the signing of the armistice and was honorably discharged in December, 1918. He then went to Camp Grant, Illinois, as associate director of the Red Cross, which position he filled for eight months. On his return to Schuyler county, Mr. Wood was made principal of the Pleasant View school, in which capacity he served for four years, or until 1923, when he assumed his present office as county superintendent of schools, to which he had been elected in the previous year. His administration of the duties of that office was so eminently satisfactory that in 1926 he was reelected.

On October 12, 1921, was performed the ceremony which united Mr. Wood and Miss Helen Eugenia Browning, who was born August 8, 1899, and they are the parents of a daughter, Barbara Jane, born May 20, 1923.

Mr. Wood is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a teacher in the Sunday school. He belongs to Huntsville Lodge, No. 465, A. F. & A. M., Huntsville, Illinois; Augusta Chapter, No. 72, R. A. M., Augusta, Illinois; Almoner Commandery, No. 32, K. T., Augusta, Illinois; Ansar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Springfield; Friendship Lodge, No. 24, I. O. O. F., Rushville, Illinois, in which he has passed through the chairs; Schuyler Post,

No. 4, A. L., Rushville, Illinois; the Twenty-two Club and the Schuyler Community Club of Rushville, Illinois. Professionally, he is affiliated with the Illinois State Teachers Association and the National Education Association. He is a lover of athletics and outdoor life and has done much traveling. He reads much, especially along the lines of history, aviation and mechanics, and is well informed on a wide range of subjects. He has made a host of warm friends since coming to Rushville and is regarded as one of Schuyler county's ablest and most efficient officials.

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### HENRY WHEELER WOODRUFF, M. D.

Dr. Henry Wheeler Woodruff is an honored native son and leading physician and surgeon of Joliet, where he conducts the Woodruff Clinic and where he has continued active in professional work for nearly four decades, specializing in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He was born February 18, 1868, a son of George H. and Achsah (Wheeler) Woodruff. We quote the memorial record of his father which appeared in "Past and Present of Will County, Illinois," published in 1907.

"In the annals of Will county no name is entitled to more lasting remembrance than that of George H. Woodruff, who was one of its pioneers and is well known as its historian. A fluent writer, he put in permanent form for the benefit of future generations, many incidents connected with the early history of the county and its brave pioneers. Among his works are 'History of the Black Hawk War'; 'Patriotism of Will County,' a record of the men from here who took part in the war with the south; 'Will County on the Pacific Slopes,' which gave sketches of the men who went to California during the gold excitement of 1849-51; and 'Woodruff's History of Will County.'

"The first home of the Woodruff family in America was in Connecticut, and later generations lived in New York. In the latter state Theor Woodruff was born and spent much of his life, engaging in business as a manufacturer of scythes and edged tools, but at an advanced age he came to this county, joining his son in Joliet and remaining here until his death. His son, George H.

Woodruff, was born in Clinton, New York, August 16, 1814, and was one of three children, of whom the other son died in boyhood, and the daughter, Adele, wife of M. H. Demmond, died in New York. George H. Woodruff was educated in Hamilton College, at Clinton, from which he graduated at eighteen years. In the summer of 1834 he came to Joliet with his brother-in-law, Mr. Demmond, for whom he clerked in the general mercantile business. Prior to 1840 he established the Pioneer drug store on Bluff, between Exchange street and Western avenue, and afterward for many years had his place of business at the corner of Bluff and Exchange, continuing there until his death. He was the first circuit clerk and recorder of the county and also held the office of county judge at one time. He assisted in the organization of the First Presbyterian Church and long held office as its treasurer. A staunch believer in republican principles, he voted with that party after its organization. After having been in poor health for three years he died November 1, 1890, fifty-six years after his arrival in the then frontier town of Joliet.

"The first wife of George H. Woodruff, Hannah (Lucas) Woodruff, was born in New York and died in Joliet, leaving three children. The son, Henry Theor Woodruff, was graduated at Rush Medical College, Chicago, and died in Harvard, Illinois, in 1900. During the Civil war he was surgeon of the One Hundredth Illinois Infantry and remained at the front until the close of the war, with the exception of the time when he was imprisoned in Libby. The daughters are Annie Mary and Julia H. Mr. Woodruff's second marriage united him, in Joliet, in 1857, with Mrs. Achsah (Wheeler) Perkins, a native of Berkshire, Massachusetts. Her father, Harry Wheeler, also a native of the Bay state, served in the War of 1812. Late in life he moved west to Illinois and established a lumber and nursery business in Aurora, from which city he came to Joliet, and died here at the age of ninety-two. His father, Benjamin Wheeler, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and a member of the Massachusetts legislature. The latter's wife bore the maiden name of Achsah Johnson. The mother of Mrs. George H. Woodruff was Clarissa, daughter of Elisha and Alice (Freeman) Harman, the former of whom was a native of Berkshire county, Massachusetts, and a lifelong



resident there. Mrs. Woodruff was one of three children, having two brothers: Henry, who died in Aurora; and Mark H., who served in a Connecticut regiment during the Civil war until he was killed in the storming of Port Hudson. When a girl Mrs. Woodruff was a student at Mount Holyoke Seminary, graduating in 1848. Soon afterward she became the wife of Dr. John P. Perkins, a graduate of the Albany Medical College. They came to Joliet in 1856, and the Doctor died in this city while still a young man. Afterward Mrs. Perkins was married to George H. Woodruff, by whom she had two sons, George F. and Henry Wheeler."

In pursuit of an education Henry Wheeler Woodruff entered the public schools of Joliet at the usual age, passing through successive grades until he had completed the high school course by graduation with the class of 1886. His professional training was acquired in the Chicago College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1889, and in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago, now the medical department of the University of Illinois, which in 1892 conferred upon him the degree of M. D. He acted as interne in the Illinois Eye & Ear Infirmary at Chicago in 1892-3, after which he came to Joliet, which city has since remained the scene of his professional labors. In the field of ophthalmology, otology, rhinology and laryngology he has few equals in this part of the state. A contemporary biographer said: "In the line of his specialty he has gained considerable distinction, his ability being widely acknowledged by the profession as well as the general public. He has continually kept abreast with the advanced thought of the profession, promoting his knowledge and efficiency through constant reading and investigation." Dr. Woodruff is on the surgical staff of the Chicago Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat College and Hospital and the Illinois Eye & Ear Infirmary. His name is on the membership rolls of the Will County Medical Society, the Grundy County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Physicians and Surgeons and the Association of Ophthalmologists, Otologists and Laryngologists, and he is a past president of the last named. He is also an honorary member of medical societies in Texas and Kansas. Dr. Woodruff

is a director of the First National Bank of Joliet and also figures actively in civic affairs of his community as a supporter of the republican party. He is a member of the Rotary Club and is serving on the advisory board of the Young Men's Christian Association.

On the 25th of June, 1895, Dr. Woodruff was married to Miss Jennie L. Coventry of Utica, New York, daughter of Robert Coventry and great-granddaughter of Alexander Coventry, who was the founder of the Coventry family in this country and at one time the president of the New York State Medical Society. Mrs. Jennie Woodruff is a valued member of the Woman's Club of Joliet. By her marriage she has become the mother of three sons and a daughter, as follows: Dr. George H., who is associated with his father in the conduct of the Woodruff Clinic in Joliet; Robert Coventry, who is engaged in the oil business in Joliet; Dr. Lewis W., who is successfully engaged in the practice of internal medicine; and Mrs. Katherine Barnes, who has one son, H. W. Barnes, a student at Harvard University.

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### FRANK WOODRUFF, M. D.

One of the leading members of the medical profession in Joliet is Dr. Frank Woodruff, who has practiced his profession here for more than twenty years and is now associated with Dr. H. W. Woodruff in the ownership of the Woodruff Clinic. He was born in Joliet, Illinois, on the 25th of March, 1865, and is a son of George H. and Achsah (Wheeler) Woodruff. A review of the career of George H. Woodruff may be found in another part of this work in connection with the sketch of his son, Dr. Henry Wheeler Woodruff.

Frank Woodruff received his early education in the public schools of Joliet, and then took up the study of pharmacy, in which subject he was graduated in 1884. He was for a number of years engaged in the drug business and finally entered the Reliance Medical College, which was later merged with Loyola University, and upon receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1909 he took up the practice of his profession in Joliet. During

the subsequent years he has enjoyed a reputation as a learned, capable and reliable physician, commanding an extensive practice.

Dr. Woodruff has two children: Marjorie, the wife of Harry Godley, of Davenport, Iowa, and the mother of a daughter, Emily Rose; and Francis, who lives at home. The Doctor is a republican in his political views, and the Presbyterian Church is his religious home. He belongs to the Joliet Chamber of Commerce, while along strictly professional lines he has membership in the Will County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the Ophthalmological Society. The Doctor specializes in the treatment of the eye, ear, nose and throat, in which he is regarded as an expert. He stands high in the professional ranks of this locality, while as a citizen he has exemplified qualities of the highest order.

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### CHARLES LEONARD WILSON

Charles Leonard Wilson had attained the age of nearly sixty-five years when he passed away May 4, 1928. The end was sudden and thus he was active in the affairs of life almost to the close. His name was a familiar one in connection with the distilling interests and with the banking business of the state and he was widely known throughout the northern section of Illinois, where his friends were legion. He was born in Peoria, August 6, 1863, a son of John and Emily J. (Woodruff) Wilson. The father, who is mentioned at length on another page of this publication, was one of the early pioneers of the city, having arrived here in 1835.

In his youth Charles L. Wilson attended Peoria's public schools and acquired the intellectual training which qualified him for the practical and responsible duties of life. He had reached the age of eighteen when in 1881 he accompanied his elder brother, A. W. Wilson, to Burrton, Kansas, where they established a department store and continued active in its conduct until 1888, when they disposed of their mercantile interests and Charles L. Wilson returned to Peoria. It was then that he became connected with the American Distilling Company of Pekin,



of which his father was the head, and to the interests of this business he devoted the remaining forty years of his life. He long filled the offices of secretary and treasurer and was a forceful executive, managing his business affairs with decision, firmness and ability. Just ten days before his demise the Pekin plant of the company, in which he was the largest stockholder, was sold to the American Commercial Alcohol Corporation of Baltimore, Maryland. The extent and breadth of his business activities is further indicated in the fact that he was financially interested in the Wilson Grocery Company of Peoria, the Wilson Packing & Provision Company of Peoria and in three banks of the city, while for many years he served as a director of the American National Bank of Pekin. He was also a member of the Peoria Board of Trade and among his associates he ranked high as a man of unusual business acumen, keen foresight and unfaltering enterprise who never hesitated to venture where favoring opportunity offered.

On the 11th of December, 1889, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Georgia Easling, eldest daughter of Dr. P. W. and Priscilla E. (Troutman) Easling. Her paternal grandparents were Minor and Charlotte (Proper) Easling, the former a native of Hector, New York, and a representative of an old Holland family, many of whose members fought for the American cause in the Revolutionary war. Mr. and Mrs. Minor Easling become pioneer settlers of Bonaparte, Iowa, journeying across the country in a covered wagon from Ithaca, Tompkins county, New York. There was yet no Peoria when they passed the site of this now populous city, but in the distance they glimpsed a little settlement known as Pekin. They bravely met and conquered the hardships and trials of frontier life, eventually becoming the owners of a large and highly productive farm in Van Buren county, Iowa. Their son, Dr. P. W. Easling, wedded Priscilla E. Troutman and the couple reared a family of four children, as follows: Georgia, who is the widow of Charles L. Wilson; Mina E., the wife of Earle C. Greenman; Daisy M., who is the wife of Robert P. Van Deusen; and Newton P., who married Martha Heilman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson maintained their home in Pekin for about twenty-one years and then removed to Peoria, where they

became widely known in social circles of the city. In 1912 they built a ten-room house at 1652 Glen Oak avenue, one of the finest residences on the east bluff, in which they lived for fourteen years and then sold because it was too large, erecting the dwelling at 1505 Columbia terrace in which Mrs. Wilson now lives. Their daughter, Mrs. Edith (Wilson) Albertsen, was born in Pekin, Illinois, October 31, 1890, and there completed the work of the grammar grades and also attended high school for two years. She then entered St. Mary's College at Knoxville, Illinois, of which she is a graduate. It was at 1652 Glen Oak avenue in Peoria that she was married and gave birth to a son, in 1921, named Wilson F. Albertsen, remaining at that address until the latter was five years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Albertsen have since resided in Pekin. Mrs. Georgia Wilson is one of the Daughters of the American Revolution, tracing her ancestry back to John McClelland, who was an aide to Washington and a representative of a very famous family. Her husband found in her an able helpmeet and always credited her with much of his success. Mr. Wilson was a popular and prominent member of the Creve Coeur Club, the Tazewell Club and the Pekin Country Club. Those who knew him—and he had a wide acquaintance—found him a genial, courteous gentleman, one who highly prized sincere friendships and who gave to his friends consistent and continuous loyalty. By reason thereof his demise was a matter of deep and widespread regret and his memory is enshrined in the hearts of many who knew and loved him.

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#### COLLEGE OF ST. FRANCIS AND ST. FRANCIS ACADEMY

The College of St. Francis and St. Francis Academy, Joliet, Illinois, open to resident and day students, are under the direction of the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate, pioneers in the field of education in Joliet and vicinity.

The sisterhood was established in Joliet in 1865. Four years later St. Francis Academy was opened. The community obtained a charter from the state of Illinois in 1874 to conduct "a seminary of learning for young ladies." In connection with the academy



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a Normal School was in operation for the training of the sisters. In 1920 the charter was amended to read "college of liberal arts, science, and fine arts." Under the title of Assisi Junior College, regular courses in the college department were opened to the public in 1925. The college has been accredited to the University of Illinois and recognized by the state department of education at Springfield, Illinois.

With the opening of the fall term in September, 1930, the senior college curriculum began to operate under the new title, College of St. Francis, the only Catholic senior college for young women in Illinois, outside the city of Chicago. The college and academy are located in the most picturesque spot of Joliet, on the Lincoln highway.

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### JAMES GREEN STRAWN, JR.

James Green Strawn, Jr., long numbered among the successful insurance men and respected citizens of Jacksonville, died March 5, 1929, when in his seventieth year. He was born November 15, 1859, a son of James Green Strawn, Sr., and Nancy (Bradshaw) Strawn and a grandson of Jacob Strawn, distinguished citizen of Jacksonville, whose memorial record appears in another part of this work. He was a descendant of Isaiah Strawn, born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, October 28, 1758. As the latter was too young to become a soldier at the beginning of the Revolutionary war and his Quaker parents were opposed to the shedding of human blood, he was kept at home, much against his will, until the fall of 1777, when he at last obtained the permission of his father and mother to go into service. He then hired himself to General Washington as a teamster. On October 4, 1777, in the battle of Germantown, he saw a friend fall, mortally wounded; he left his post, seized the gun of his fallen friend and rushed into battle. Very soon he received a charge of large buckshot in his left leg and was carried from the field. One shot lodged in the hollow of his foot. He prized this piece of British lead above everything, would not allow it to be removed and carried it until his death, for over sixty-four years, being buried

with it in Florid cemetery, in Putnam county, Illinois, August 14, 1843. In 1781 he married Rachel Reed, whose father was also a Revolutionary soldier. In the fall of 1781, Isaiah Strawn was tried before the Richland (Pa.) Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends for having taken part in the war and caused the shedding of human blood, was found guilty and was expelled from the Quaker Church. He was nineteen years of age when he was wounded at the battle of Germantown.

The Strawn family were for several generations identified with the Quaker community, but in later years became Methodists. Jacob Strawn, the paternal grandfather of James G. Strawn, Jr., was largely engaged in farming and stockraising throughout the greater part of his life. He was one of the leading and influential citizens of his county and owned land to the extent of several thousand acres. The third child born to him and his wife, Mrs. Mathilda (Green) Strawn, was James Green Strawn, Sr., the father of him whose name introduces this review. James G. Strawn, Sr., received the appointment of postmaster at Orleans and continued to hold the same for a number of years, but never attended to the active duties of the office, which were left to the care of a deputy. He was actively engaged in farming, in which he was prosperous beyond the average. He was an upright member of the Church of the Disciples. In political matters he took his stand with the republicans and was always ready to act in concert with his party as far as it was possible to do. In the fall of 1845 he moved on the farm east of Orleans. It was three hundred and twenty acres in extent in the beginning, that being the gift of his father, but at his death comprised twenty-two hundred and forty acres, one of the largest farms in Morgan county. He passed away February 18, 1887. On the 19th of September, 1844, he married Nancy Bradshaw, daughter of John and Fanny (Elkin) Bradshaw, who were natives of South Carolina and Kentucky, respectively. John Bradshaw, born January 5, 1788, was reared on a farm and devoted the greater part of his life to agricultural pursuits. He came to Illinois in 1818 and settled near the site of the present city of Jacksonville. He entered a tract of land, to which he subsequently added by various purchases until he became the owner



of eight hundred and forty acres, the whole of which he brought to a well-nigh perfect state of cultivation. He continued thus employed until his death, which occurred on the 17th of March, 1846. Then the farm was divided and sold to different persons. During his life he had been quite prominent as a citizen, and was a consistent and energetic member of the Christian Church, to which his wife also was attached. They were the parents of twelve children, Nancy being the tenth in order of birth. Charles Bradshaw, who became a leading lawyer of Los Angeles, California, was a brother of Mrs. Nancy Strawn; the other members of the family were chiefly identified with the agricultural interests of the different places in which they resided.

The seven children born to James G. and Nancy (Bradshaw) Strawn are recorded hereafter. (I) John A. was married twice, first to Emma Dixon, by whom he had two children: Ella, who became the wife of Milton Melvin; and Katie, unmarried. By his second wife, who bore the maiden name of L. Dora Daggett, he also had two children: Grace, who married Professor Lynn Pyatt; and Ruth, who married James Moncrieff. (II) Jacob H. married Emma Corrington and had four children, namely: Clifton, who married Effie Mathews and had five children—Lloyd, Vivian, Roy, Earl and Parker; John B., who married Cora Lewis and had one son, Virgil Lee; Amie, who became the wife of Loren Seymore and the mother of three children—Monsalette, Leota and Enola Wardell; and Mrs. Enola Ward. (III) William S. married Rosa Mason and had four children, as follows: Mabel and William, both of whom died in childhood; Pearl, who married Amiel Kumle and had three children—Paul, Lillian and Wilbur; and Charles M., who married Hettie Mosley. (IV) Charles B. married Annie Johnson and to them were born four children, namely: Maud, who became the wife of Dr. Will Houser; Jim, who married May Patterson; Carrie, who married John Darush; and Mabel, who died in childhood. (V) Isaiah died May 9, 1874, in young manhood. (VI) James Green, Jr., is the immediate subject of this review. (VII) Joel G. married Kate Covington and to them were born eight children, as follows: Ernest, who married Ethel Funk; Mabel, who became the wife of Earl Sinclair and had four children—Joel, Gerald, Mardell (who died at

the age of nine years) and Oral; Henry, who married Ethel Davenport and had one son, Henry, Jr., who died at the age of nine years; Isaiah, who married Rose Wood and had two sons, William and Greg; Harold, who married Lottie Mars and had two sons, Harold Buddington and Donald; Elmer, who married Sylvia Skeens and had one son, Byron; Gladys, who died in babyhood; and Howard, unmarried. William S. Strawn, who was proprietor of a mercantile house in Alexander, Illinois, was the only one of the seven sons of James G. and Nancy (Bradshaw) Strawn who did not follow agricultural pursuits. Mrs. Nancy Strawn was a worthy member of the Christian Church and was held in high regard in that communion as well as in the community at large.

James Green Strawn, Jr., attended the local schools in the acquirement of an education and also pursued a course of study in the Brown Business College. When his text-books were put aside he engaged in farming in the vicinity of Orleans, Morgan county, Illinois, but eventually abandoned agricultural pursuits and spent about three years in Tuscola and in Broadlands, Illinois. On the expiration of that period he embarked in the insurance business in Jacksonville in association with Ebenezer Spink, representing the Columbia National throughout the remainder of his life. He was a deacon in the Christian Church and a man whose many admirable personal characteristics commended him to the confidence and esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

James G. Strawn, Jr., was twice married, his first union being with Eva Mason, who was born February 1, 1866, and passed away December 25, 1884. Their daughter, Cora Mason, is the wife of Frank Plouer and has one son, Francis, who married Miss Eloise Self on the 10th of August, 1931. On the 15th of April, 1885, at Arnold, Illinois, Mr. Strawn was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Arnold, daughter of James Eads Arnold, Jr., one of the pioneers of Morgan county, who died at the age of fifty-seven years. Richard Arnold, the American progenitor of the family of Mrs. James G. Strawn, was born of Scotch-English parents in the province of Ulster, in the north of Ireland, December 24, 1745, and died in Logan township, Dearborn county, Indiana, July 24, 1843. His grandparents were of English lineage,

and he was the grandson of Richard Arnold, lord of the manor of Bagbere in Dorset county, England. The mother of Richard Arnold was killed in the war between the Protestants of northern Ireland and the Catholics of south Ireland, for she was of the Scotch Presbyterian faith and would not renounce it. Soon thereafter the bereaved father set sail for America in company with his two sons, Richard and George, but he lost his life when the ship was wrecked. The elder of the two sons, both of whom were saved, was Richard, then about twelve years of age, who when grown to manhood enlisted for service in the Revolutionary war and received one hundred and sixty acres of land in recognition of his military record. This record is preserved by the Daughters of the American Revolution as follows: "Richard Arnold served this country with distinction in the Revolutionary war: with Captain Brooks, 1776; Colonel Heister, 1777; Colonel Lacy, 1778; Colonel R. L. Hooper, Quartermaster's Department, New Jersey, Majors Gordon and Roscol, 1779-1780. He entered the army as soon as he reached manhood and was made a corporal in 1776. He was especially detailed by General Washington to escort Mrs. Benedict Arnold to the vessel when she sailed for England to join her husband. He is especially remembered for bravery at Seven Star Tavern (wounded in right foot), Chester county, Pennsylvania. After the war he located in a suburb of Cincinnati, where peace and honor surrounded him in the twilight years. He sleeps in the family plot in Ohio's friendly soil." On the 3d of January, 1783, Richard Arnold married Mary Blakemore, who was born December 11, 1766, and died August 24, 1855. They reared a family of eight children as follows: Mary, who married Thomas Scoggins; George, born December 1, 1785, who married Mary Eads; William Blakemore, who married Margaret McClure; Samuel, born in 1800, who married Sarah E. Groff; Charles, who married Eliza Hartpence; Richard, who married Julia Cox; Katharyn, unmarried; and Elizabeth, born in 1809, also unmarried.

George W. Arnold, the eldest son of Richard and Mary (Blakemore) Arnold, died October 16, 1865, aged eighty years. On the 13th of April, 1813, he married Miss Mary Eads, who was born August 16, 1788, and passed on September 4, 1855, aged



sixty-seven years. The children of George W. and Mary (Eads) Arnold were as follows: Caroline, who was born February 19, 1814, and died April 8, 1814; James Eads, Sr., who was born June 15, 1815, and passed on June 10, 1841; Samuel Blakemore, who was born October 1, 1816, and died February 13, 1878; Mary Jane, born February 10, 1818, who passed away August 11, 1855; Naurah Ann, who was born January 13, 1820, and died July 27, 1822; Alpha W., born March 25, 1821, whose death occurred June 21, 1822; George Washington, born November 22, 1822; Charles Clinton, born December 19, 1824; Richard Clark, born November 17, 1826; Evaline, born June 22, 1828; Sarah, born April 25, 1830; and William, born November 24, 1836. Of the above named, James Eads Arnold, Sr., was married on the 10th of March, 1835, to Mary Kistler, who was born January 23, 1818, and died July 19, 1841. Their son, James Eads Arnold, Jr., was born March 16, 1841, and died October 28, 1898. Arnold Station was named in his honor. James Eads Arnold, Jr., was named for his celebrated cousin, Captain James Eads of St. Louis, Missouri, a famous civil engineer whose career became distinguished by his construction of the great jetties at the mouth of the Mississippi river that extend far into the Gulf of Mexico. He also built iron-clad boats for the United States government during the Civil war and constructed the Eads bridge at St. Louis, Missouri. On the 27th of November, 1862, James Eads Arnold, Jr., married Miss Elizabeth Krewson, who was born April 16, 1843, and died December 4, 1926. The six children of Mr. and Mrs. James Eads Arnold, Jr., were as given hereafter. (I) Mary M. married James Green Strawn, Jr., and became the mother of eight children, named at the end of this review. (II) Thomas J. married Memie Chilton and to them were born six children, as follows: James Edmond, who married Myrtle Woods and had a son, James Edmond, Jr.; Ruby Marie, deceased; Emitte Jefferson, who married Eula Hodge and had two children, Maurine Hodge and T. J.; Clifford Eads, who married Ruth Hasting and had one daughter, Georgia Mae; Georgia Mae, deceased, who was the wife of Roy Lee King; and Elizabeth, who is deceased. (III) Emily May became the wife of Edmond Tindall. (IV) Clifford Eads married Nannie Lauerine Pounds and had eight children, namely: Esther, who had one son by her first husband and afterward became the wife of Wesley Rogers; a son who died in

infancy; Ruth, who married Ralph Oliphant and became the mother of two sons; Georgia; May, who married Bascom Rogers and had one daughter; Elizabeth; Billy; and Paul Datus. (V) Amos D. married Lena Cully and had a daughter, Thelma, who became the wife of Mervin Ator. (VI) James William married Florence May Ennis and had five children, namely: James William, Jr.; Elliott; Richard, who married Eleanor Andre and had a daughter, Dixie; Levitt Clark; and Frances.

Emily Arnold is the sister of James Eads Arnold, Jr., and daughter of Mary and James Eads Arnold, Sr. She married, first, George Baldrige, and to this union was born one daughter, Mary, who married Major Blackburn; married, second, Preston Cavender, and to this union were born two daughters, Ditty (deceased), and Shirley, who married George Langdon, and to this union was born one daughter, Hazel. Hazel married John Brown, and to this union were born three children, Horton (deceased), Shirley Jane and Dorothy Ann.

James G. and Mary M. (Arnold) Strawn were the parents of eight children: Nettie May, who became the wife of Lewis Frier and had three children—Emily May, Taylor Lewis (deceased) and Strawn Arnold; Claude, who married Sarah Gregory and has three sons—Claude Arnold, James Thomas and Gregory; Hazel, who resides at 615 South East street, Jacksonville; Ruth, who died at the age of six months; Paul, who married Clara Hoffman and had a son, Paul Thomas, and who served as a second lieutenant in aviation during the World war, meeting a tragic death when his plane burned; Clifford, deceased; Shirley, also deceased, who was first the wife of Harry Frye and had two children, James Emmett and Mary Elizabeth, and who afterward married T. O. Wright; and Ralph, who died at the age of six years.

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#### CARL ELLSWORTH BLACK, A. M., M. D.

The prestige of Jacksonville's medical fraternity is ably upheld by Dr. Carl E. Black, a prominent physician with a record of forty-two years of continuous activity in the profession. Born in Winchester, Scott county, Illinois, July 4, 1862, he is a son of Dr. Greene Vardiman Black and represents one of the colonial families of this country. He is fifth in direct line of descent from

Captain William Black, who was serving with that rank in the militia of North Carolina just before the Mecklenburg revolution and was one of the first officers who refused to take the oath of allegiance to the British crown. He married a Miss Beard and his demise occurred at the beginning of the Revolutionary war. His son, Thomas Gillespie Black, who married Polly Colohan, was born in January, 1772, and died at Milledgeville, Georgia, November 20, 1823. He fought under General Jackson in the Seminole war, serving as a captain. He was the father of William Black, who was born in Milledgeville, January 13, 1796, and in 1825 went to Tennessee, where he married Mary F. Vaughn. About 1834 he came with his family to Illinois, settling in Scott county. By trade he was a cabinetmaker and also engaged in farming. He remained in Scott county until about 1844, when he removed to what is now Cass county, taking up his abode upon a farm seven miles southeast of Virginia, where four of his sons resided. He and his wife were laid to rest in the family burying ground in Cass county.

Their son, Dr. Greene Vardiman Black, was born on the home place in Scott county, August 3, 1836, and early began to assist his father in cultivating the farm, attending school only a few months of each year. At the age of seventeen he went to Clayton, Illinois, to live with his brother, Dr. T. G. Black, who was a lieutenant colonel in the Civil war and twice a member of the state legislature. Under his brother Dr. G. V. Black read medical books and during that time acted as postmaster of Clayton. At the age of twenty-one he began the study of dentistry at Mount Sterling, Illinois, and in 1877 was graduated from the Missouri Dental College of St. Louis with the degree of D. D. S. In 1884 he received the degree of M. D. from the Chicago Medical College, while the Doctor of Science degree was conferred upon him by Illinois College in 1892 and that of Doctor of Laws by Northwestern University in 1898. While residing in Clayton he had become acquainted with Miss Jane L. Coughenower, to whom he was married in 1860. She was a daughter of Henry Coughenower, a miller, and Agnes Coughenower, whose parents were William and Agnes Taylor, probably members of the family of which Zachary Taylor, the twelfth president of the United States, was



a distinguished representative. The Taylors were direct descendants of Rollin Taylor, an Englishman, who was burned at the stake for heresy. Mrs. Jane L. Black was born in Griggsville, Pike county, Illinois, March 31, 1838, and died in Cass county, August 26, 1863.

Dr. Black enlisted in the Union Army and while serving as sergeant of his company he was wounded in the knee joint, afterward spending six months in a hospital at Louisville, Kentucky. When the war was over he returned to Illinois and in 1865 was married in Jacksonville to Elizabeth Akers Davenport, a daughter of Ira and Minerva (Reid) Davenport and a niece of the Rev. Peter Akers, a widely known Methodist preacher and circuit rider. By his first wife Dr. Black had two sons: Horace Vaughn, who died in infancy; and Carl Ellsworth. To the second marriage were born three children: Clara, Arthur and Margaret Olive.

Dr. G. V. Black is acknowledged the father of dental surgery. He became connected with the Chicago College of Dental Surgery in 1886, which, through him, was among the first to recognize the agency of microbes in the destruction of the teeth, and at his suggestion, to introduce a complete apparatus for the cultivation and study of these germs under his instruction. Another important feature instituted through Professor Black's recommendation, was the organization of the chairs of operative and prosthetic technics for practical work in dental mechanics. In 1891 he was made professor of operative dentistry, pathology and bacteriology in the Northwestern University Dental School, of which he became dean. His writings, which have been translated into many languages, are standard authority. He was the author of: *Formation of Poisons by Micro-Organisms*; *Periosteum and Peridental Membrane*; *Anatomy of the Human Teeth*; *Operative Dentistry* (two volumes); and many papers in professional and scientific journals. He served as president of the first state board of dental examiners and was president of the National Dental Association in 1901. His death occurred August 31, 1915.

His son, Dr. Carl E. Black, completed a course in the Jacksonville high school in 1881 and next attended Illinois College, which awarded him the Bachelor of Science degree in 1883. Taking up

newspaper work, he was editor of the Jacksonville Journal from 1883 until 1885, when he matriculated in the medical school of Northwestern University, from which he was graduated in 1887 with the M. D. degree. In 1902 Illinois College conferred upon him the degree of A. M. During 1888 and 1889 he was abroad, spending much of the time in Vienna and the remainder in hospital and laboratory work in Berlin, Paris and London. A constant and untiring student, he also took special courses at the New York Post Graduate Medical School and the New York Polyclinic. Since 1889 he has practiced continuously and in 1890 established a private hospital at Jacksonville. Ever striving for perfection, he has developed his powers to a high point of efficiency and gratifying results have attended his professional ministrations.

On the 13th of June, 1889, Dr. Black was married to Miss Bessie McLaughlin, a daughter of James and Frances (Kirby) McLaughlin, and of the six children born to them Jane C. died in infancy and Helen Margaret at the age of seven years. The others are: Kirby Vaughn, Carl Ellsworth, Jr., Dorothy Lawrence and Marjorie Vardiman.

Dr. Black belongs to the Morgan County and Illinois State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. He is connected with the American Medical Journal in an executive capacity and is a man of advanced scientific attainments, widely known in professional circles as a frequent contributor to current medical literature.

His son, Dr. Carl Ellsworth Black (II), was born in Jacksonville, this state, May 8, 1893, and completed the high school curriculum in 1912. Continuing his education in Illinois College, he is numbered among its alumni of 1916, and his M. D. degree was received from Washington University in 1920. This was followed by two years of postgraduate work and since his return to Jacksonville he has here engaged in general practice, winning success as a physician and surgeon.

In Carrollton, Greene county, Illinois, Dr. Black was married December 23, 1918, to Miss Ione Linder, a daughter of Finis and Mary (Doyle) Linder and a granddaughter of Isham Linder. The two children of this marriage are: Carl Ellsworth (III),

who was born May 19, 1920; and Ardeen, born August 3, 1922. The Doctor belongs to the Jacksonville Literary Union, of which he was president for two terms, and is now its secretary. His fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Pythias and the Elks. He has served as president and secretary of the Morgan County Medical Society and his talents, natural and acquired, are bringing him rapidly to the fore in his profession.

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### JOHN LEONARD CONGER, PH. D.

Professor John Leonard Conger, widely known as a most successful educator, has since 1907 been head of the department of history and government in Knox College at Galesburg. He was born at Silver City, Iowa, July 10, 1876, a son of Daniel Lampson and Caroline (Wilkinson) Conger. Liberal educational advantages were accorded him in his youth. He attended the University of Nebraska from 1896 until 1898 and subsequently matriculated in the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1904, while the following year the same institution conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. In 1907 he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Wisconsin and then took up his work as professor of history and government in Knox College at Galesburg, having continued at the head of the department throughout the intervening period of twenty-five years. Professor Conger has had wide experience as a public school teacher. After teaching two years in the country schools of Iowa he served as a principal and followed this with a three-year term as superintendent. Throughout the last fifteen years he has lectured extensively before Institute audiences of the middle west. Much of his vacation time in recent years has been taken up with his teaching in the summer sessions of the larger state universities. He served as professor of history twice in the University of Illinois and the University of Michigan and once each in the state universities of Washington, Iowa, Minnesota, and California. In 1923-4 he served as exchange professor at Harvard University, acting as visiting lecturer and lecturer in Radcliffe College.



On the 22d of June, 1904, Professor Conger was united in marriage to Miss Ada Greenwood, of Silver City, Iowa, and they are the parents of three children: James G., Amy Louise and Virginia. The family home is in Galesburg, Illinois.

Professor Conger is a democrat in his political views and has participated in the government of his home city as alderman and as mayor, making a most creditable record during his incumbency in the latter capacity, which covered the period from 1915 to 1917. In religious faith he is a Congregationalist. He belongs to the American Historical Association, to the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, to Phi Beta Kappa (Michigan) and to Phi Beta Kappa of Knox College, being a charter member of the last named.

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#### EVART BENJAMIN BERRY, D. D. S.

From the time he entered upon the active work of his profession Dr. Evart Benjamin Berry has practiced in Pittsfield, rendering to the community that service which only the skilled, experienced dentist is capable of giving. He was born in Pleasant Hill, Pike county, Illinois, May 17, 1888, a son of John F. Berry, and is of Scotch and English ancestry, belonging to a family that has been represented in America since the colonial period in the history of this country. His grandfather, Willis Franklin Berry, was a Kentuckian and journeyed to Illinois in 1841, casting his lot with the early settlers of Pike county.

Willis Franklin Berry established his home at Pleasant Hill, where his son, John Franklin Berry, was born December 12, 1848. The latter attended the public schools of that locality and McKendrie College at Lebanon, Illinois, afterward teaching school for a time. Reared on his father's farm, he early acquired a practical knowledge of agricultural pursuits, which he followed for many years. As a breeder of Poland China hogs and Holstein cattle he was particularly successful and from time to time he increased his acreage, having a modern home and three hundred and seventy acres of land at the time of his death. Fraternally he was identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and

with Pleasant Hill Lodge, No. 565, A. F. & A. M. He was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and cast his ballot for any worthy candidates of the republican party. Throughout his district he was known as a man of high principles and marked public-spirit and filled various public offices in his community. He was greatly interested in the school and church that served his neighborhood.

In 1878 John F. Berry was married to Ella Oxley, whom he met while visiting his brother in Linn county, Iowa. In that county she was born, reared and educated and united with the Presbyterian Church while a resident of Iowa but became a Methodist after removing to Illinois. She passed away in March, 1883, leaving a family of three children. The eldest, Dr. Orland Harley Berry, of Pittsfield, is mentioned at length in another part of this publication. Mary R. was born May 13, 1881, and completed her studies at the Illinois State Normal University of Normal, Illinois. Afterward she was a teacher in the schools of Pike county for a number of years and is now the wife of John Guthrie, of Jacksonville, Illinois. She is a member of the Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star. Frank S. Berry was born August 8, 1883, and pursued his advanced studies in the Illinois Agricultural College at Champaign, taking a two years' course. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Church, while fraternally he is affiliated with the Masons, belonging to Griggsville Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He married Helen Dunham, of Griggsville, Illinois.

The second wife of John F. Berry was Elizabeth Briscoe, who was born in Martinsburg township, Pike county, Illinois, April 17, 1864, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Briscoe, who settled here in pioneer times. Mrs. Elizabeth (Briscoe) Berry still resides on the home place and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Order of the Eastern Star. She had four children, of whom James died in infancy, and the daughter, Emma Alta, has also passed away. The latter was the wife of Ivan Moorman, now deceased, who was a first lieutenant in the air service during the World war. Their daughter, Catherine Moorman, is now with her maternal grandmother. The surviving children of Mrs. Berry are Evart Benjamin and Henry Bur-

dette. The younger son, who was born December 16, 1899, was a member of the Students Army Training Corps during the war and makes his home with his mother. He has membership in the Methodist Church and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and to Pleasant Hill Lodge, No. 565, A. F. & A. M. On the 1st of September, 1928, he married Georgianna Laughorn, who died November 8, 1928.

Reared on the home farm, Dr. Evart B. Berry pursued his education at the Stockland country school until the end of the eighth grade and in 1909 completed his high school course at Pittsfield, Illinois. While a high school pupil he was a member of the football and track teams and president of the freshman class. In his senior year he was editor of the high school paper and is now president of the Pittsfield High School Alumni Association. In 1909 he took up the study of dentistry at the University of Illinois, from which he received the degree of D. D. S. in 1912, and while attending college served as president of his senior class. After his graduation he followed the occupation of farming for a few months and in September, 1912, opened an office in Pittsfield. Here he has engaged in his profession for nineteen years, establishing a large practice, and during that period has developed his powers to a high point of efficiency. He also enjoys giving some time to other business interests and at this time is treasurer and a director of the Pittsfield Building & Loan Association.

On the 4th of September, 1912, Dr. Berry was married to Hannah Carolina Niebur, who was born December 16, 1889, and attended the grammar and high schools of Pittsfield, Illinois, after which she studied music for a number of years. Her father, Fred Niebur, was born at Bekamp, in Lippe-Detmold, a German principality, and is now a prominent shoe merchant of Pittsfield, where the mother, Carolina Heck, was born March 25, 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Niebur have six children: Leo F., who lives in St. Louis, Missouri; Paul, Ben and Margaret Niebur and Mrs. Evart B. Berry, all of Pittsfield; and Susan, now the wife of H. D. Hanscom, of Evanston, Illinois. Dr. and Mrs. Berry are the parents of a son, Evart Frederick, born July 23, 1919.

The Doctor enjoys football, hunting, fishing and other outdoor



sports. His Masonic affiliations are with the lodge at Pleasant Hill and the chapter and commandery at Pittsfield. He is a past high priest of the chapter and past commander of the commandery. He also has fraternal relations with the Order of the Eastern Star, of which he is a past patron, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Church, in which he holds membership. Mrs. Berry is a past matron of the Pittsfield Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and a prominent club woman. She has membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and both she and her husband vote with the republican party. Dr. Berry has been a councilman for a period of four years and member of the board of local improvements for two years. During his tenure of office he has worked for the best interests of his community and his public spirit is also expressed through his connection with the Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce and through his identification with the Lions Club, of which he is a charter member and a past president. He belongs to the Pittsfield Country Club and is a committeeman of the local troop of Boy Scouts. With the state department of mouth hygiene for children he is associated in the capacity of county lieutenant and his name is on the membership rolls of the Alumni Association of the University of Illinois, College of Dentistry, the G. V. Black Dental Society, the Illinois Dental Society and the American Dental Association. He is an able, progressive exponent of his profession and upholds its high standards.

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### BARRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Barry Public Library is located in its own building, a two-story brick structure at the edge of the business district. The library has forty-three hundred volumes and about nine hundred borrowers. About seventy-five hundred books are circulated yearly to the citizens of Barry and surrounding townships where there is no library. Mrs. Agnes Hurt is the president of the library board, Mrs. Lucile Akers is the vice president, J. G. Gieker is treasurer and Miss Irene Crawford is secretary and librarian.

This is an old library, having been started in the year 1876. On the 26th of February, 1876, a corporation was formed under a state charter and many of the citizens purchased shares of the stock. During these first years many entertainments were given for the benefit of the library and lectures were delivered by Susan B. Anthony, Mrs. Cady Stanton and other prominent people. Dues of two dollars per year were charged all citizens who borrowed books to aid in the upkeep, since the library was not kept up by taxation at that time. The first librarian was E. W. Baker, a man who became quite well known in Pike county and also in much of this section of the state. Later the library became a free city library supported by city taxation.

In the year 1903 the large building in which the library is now located was erected—a gift to the city by B. D. and Mary Brown. Mr. Brown was president of the first library board. He was a very prominent man in Pike county in an early day, and both he and his wife were always very much interested in the library as well as everything of public interest in Barry. Until the erection of the new building, the library had been maintained in rented rooms now occupied by Dr. Reynolds on the second floor of Mrs. Julia Clark's building. The library is located on the second floor of the new building, and the first floor is rented in order to augment the funds received from taxation to increase the usefulness of the institution.

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### CHARLES J. HARVEY

One of the oldest commercial schools in the state of Illinois is Brown's Business College of Peoria, which has been in continuous existence for over forty years and has a record of thorough and practical work not excelled by any other similar institution. Charles J. Harvey, one of the owners and the business manager of this school, has had many years of experience in the management of business colleges and since taking over the school at Peoria has gained a high reputation in educational circles.

Mr. Harvey was born in Denmark township, Ashtabula county, Ohio, on the 13th day of February, 1883, and is a son of



CHARLES J. HARVEY





Andrew J. and Lovina M. (Lancaster) Harvey, both members of families which were established in this country in early colonial days. The paternal grandparents removed from Connecticut and settled in Ashtabula county, Ohio. The father's grandmother in the maternal line was descended from the Spencers who were prominent in this country during the Revolutionary period. A member of this family, Platt R. Spencer, was the originator of the Spencerian system of penmanship so universally taught in schools and colleges. Lovina M. (Lancaster) Harvey was born in 1855 in Berlin township, Mahoning county, Ohio, and is of English descent. The first of the family in America settled in New England, and subsequently some of its members located in Ohio. Mrs. Harvey now resides in Pierpont, Ohio. The father, who was a lifelong farmer, passed away in 1915, at the age of sixty-five years. Charles J. Harvey is eligible to membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, as some of his ancestors on both sides fought in that struggle. To Andrew J. and Lovina M. Harvey were born four children, namely: Alta, who died in infancy; Frank E., who died at the age of twenty-five years; Charles J.; and William A., of Kelloggsville, Ohio, who is a prominent mechanic, operating a garage and machine shop. He married Miss Effie Carter, of Pierpont, Ohio, and they are the parents of four children, Maxwell B., Gordon, Leah and Gladys.

Charles J. Harvey received his early education in the public and high schools of Pierpont, graduating from the latter in 1902. He attended Oberlin College of Oberlin, Ohio, and the Zanerian Art College, of Columbus, Ohio, completing the teacher's training course. Later he also graduated from the Ashtabula Business College and the Swartz Business School of Louisville, Kentucky. He taught in the public schools of Ashtabula county for three years, and then became supervisor of Commercial subjects in the Harbor special high school at Ashtabula, which position he held from 1909 to 1915. He then became commercial instructor in Brown's Business College at Terre Haute, Indiana. Five months later he became principal of Brown's Business College at Springfield, Illinois, where he served for three years. In 1918 he was transferred to St. Louis and took charge of Brown's Business

College as general manager, holding the position for three years. In 1921 he came to Peoria, bought an interest in Brown's Business College of this city, and assumed charge of the school, which was founded in 1866 by George W. Brown, who remained in control until 1910. At one time he owned and controlled twenty-nine schools in the territory between St. Louis, Missouri, and Freeport, Illinois, with six of these schools in St. Louis. Twenty-eight of these schools are still operating under the name of Brown's Business College. In 1910 Harlan Eugene Read, of St. Louis, took over Mr. Brown's interests and controlled the schools at Springfield, Bloomington, Jacksonville and Peoria, which he operated until 1925, when his interests were taken over by Samuel I. Gresham, of the Springfield school, Elmer L. Hubble, of the Bloomington school, David L. Hardin, of the Jacksonville school, and Charles J. Harvey, of the Peoria school, each of these gentlemen being principal of his own school. Each school is a member of the National Association of Accredited Commercial Schools. Peoria is the location of the second school organized by Mr. Brown in 1888, the first school having been organized at Jacksonville. Thousands of students have graduated from the various schools embraced in this organization and hundreds of them are now holding responsible and important positions in the business world.

Mr. Harvey was married, July 15, 1908, to Miss Iva Blanche Adams, who was born and reared in Pierpont, Ohio, and is a daughter of B. S. and Hannah Adams, both of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey are the parents of two children, Charles Vincent, born September 14, 1912, and Norman Edward, born July 8, 1917. Mr. Harvey is a member of Relief Lodge, No. 284, A. F. & A. M., at Pierpont, Ohio; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; the Peoria Optimist Club, and the Peoria Advertising and Selling Club. The family is affiliated with the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Peoria. Mr. Harvey is a good business man and a successful manager and under his supervision the Peoria Business College has fully sustained the prestige which it has enjoyed for many years.

He is regarded as an educator of high rank in this and surrounding sections. He spares no efforts to give the pupils enrolled



in this college the best and most efficient methods and instructors. He takes great pride not only in the graduates the college turns out, but in the service he is rendering both the executives and the young men and women in this community. He is a leader among men,—a man who is civic minded and a man for the community and with the community at all times.

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### HON. WILLIAM EDGAR HULL

Hon. William Edgar Hull, one of Peoria's most distinguished citizens, has made a splendid record as representative of the sixteenth Illinois district in the sixty-eighth, sixty-ninth, seventieth and seventy-first congresses of the United States. He was born in Lewistown, Fulton county, Illinois, January 13, 1866, a son of William Wessley and Mary (Missplay) Hull, and pursued his education in the high school of Lewistown and at Illinois College of Jacksonville.

We quote from the "History of Peoria," published in 1912: "From the time he left college Mr. Hull's political success was remarkable. His first position was that of assistant postmaster of Lewistown, to which he was appointed in 1884. As one of the founders of the Joe Fifer Young Men's Republican Club of that city he employed all his talent for work and organization and made it an effective force in local politics of that time. His appointment by republican authority to the position of government gauger in 1889 obliged him to change his residence to Peoria, where he has since lived. His political zeal remained unabated. He worked continuously and always successfully for the republican party in the city and state and by his efforts changed the old democratic third ward into a republican stronghold. In 1894 the fourteenth congressional district was slated to go democratic in the election. The district had been carved out for that purpose. William E. Hull was at that time secretary of the Peoria county republican central committee and chairman of the fourteenth congressional district. There were enormous odds against him but he threw his great capacity for hard work, his tireless energy and his faith in his cause into the struggle, and

the victory which he won was brilliant. The democratic district went republican, the entire republican county ticket being elected with one exception. \* \* \* In 1898, after having again served as secretary of the republican county committee with his usual success, Mr. Hull was appointed by President McKinley as postmaster of the city of Peoria. He brought to this office industry, intelligence and keen business instinct. He made many improvements during his term of service, increased the clerical and carrier forces, established the free delivery service in the suburbs, increased the number of substations in the city and had charge of the establishing of the first complete county free rural delivery system in the state, this being also one of the first systems of its kind in the country. In acknowledgment of these services and in consideration of the able management of the department during his incumbency President Roosevelt appointed Mr. Hull postmaster for a second term of four years, which expired in 1906.

"Outside of his political life Mr. Hull has been a remarkably successful business man. He is one of the most prominent figures in Peoria today and his activities have been directed along expanding and progressive lines. The beautiful and luxuriously appointed Jefferson Hotel, erected in 1912, stands as a monument to his business and executive ability and the high quality of his public spirit. This building, which fills a long-felt need in Peoria, came into existence largely as the result of his efforts." He also built the Palace Theatre in Peoria, and he is now president of the Manito Chemical Company of this city.

Mr. Hull was destined for still higher political honors, for he represented the sixteenth Illinois district in the national halls of legislation during four successive sessions, beginning in March, 1923, and ending in March, 1931. He secured the passage of the "deep waterway bill from lakes to gulf," and was a member of the United States commission to the Pan-American Road Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina, by appointment of President Coolidge in 1925. He was a delegate to the republican national conventions of 1916 and 1920. He is a member of the board of directors of the Illinois Highway Improvement Association and the original good road advocate of Illinois.

In February, 1888, Mr. Hull was united in marriage to Miss

Ella Harris, of Lewistown, a granddaughter of Newton Walker, a Peoria pioneer and an intimate friend of Abraham Lincoln. Congressman and Mrs. Hull reside at 465 Moss avenue, Peoria. Mr. Hull is a Mason and Knight of Pythias and also has membership in the Creve Coeur, Country, Mount Hawley Country, Northwestern Country, Pekin Country and Union League Clubs, the National Press Club of Washington, D. C., and the Chevy Chase Country Club.

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### HERO TJARKS POPPEN

In the ranks of Peoria's successful business men stands Hero T. Poppen, who is the owner of a group of grocery stores, in the management of which he has proved a sagacious and discriminating executive. He was born in Germany, on the 4th of February, 1867, and was reared there to the age of fifteen years, when in 1882 he came alone to the United States, locating in Peoria. He is a son of Diedrich H. and Martha Poppen, who were natives of Germany and came to this country about four years after the arrival of their son. The father was a school teacher in his native country and in Peoria followed the profession, serving for many years as principal of the German free school in this city. His death occurred at the age of sixty-nine years. His wife passed away at the age of seventy years. To them were born five children. Eliese was the wife of M. G. Behrends, who was for many years engaged in the ice business in Peoria, but for some years the family has resided in Alhambra, California, where Mrs. Behrends died. George A., who is engaged in the grocery business in Peoria, married Miss Bertha Fischer, of this city, and they had two children, one who died in infancy, and Martha, the wife of Harry Willis, of Peoria. Marie is the wife of Charles McKinney, who was for many years engaged in the undertaking business in Peoria, but their home is now in Rock Island, this state. Albertus, of Peoria, married Miss Dolly Reising, a native of this city, and they have two children, Florence and Donald.

Hero T. Poppen received his early education in the public



schools of Germany and attended the schools of Peoria to a limited extent. He worked for R. Ockenga, a grocer on South Adams street, for four years, and then with his father started a grocery store at 1000 Lincoln avenue, under the firm name of D. H. Poppen & Son. The business gradually and steadily expanded and other stores were established from time to time until today Mr. Poppen owns and operates ten stores, eight of which are in Peoria, one in Morton and one in Chillicothe. They are strictly up-to-date and are so operated as to save money for their patrons.

Mr. Poppen was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Gloeckel, a native of this city whose father was one of Peoria's prominent early business men. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having served with an Illinois infantry regiment. He and his wife are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Poppen have been born eight children. Walter John, who is associated with his father in the grocery business, married Miss Helen Stein, of Peoria, a daughter of Henry and Margaret Stein. He enlisted from Peoria for the World war, was in training at Camp Dodge, Camp Merritt and Camp Grant, and was overseas one year with the Thirty-fifth Division. He saw much active service, participating in the St. Mihiel drive, the Argonne offensive and other important engagements. He was honorably discharged at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois, in May, 1919, since which time he has been with his father. He is a member of Illinois Lodge, No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Post, A. L.; the Disabled Veterans, and the North Shore Country Club. Robert George, the second of the family, who is a graduate of high school, is with his father in business and lives at home. Carl Harold also is at home and has two stores of his own. Hero T., Jr., who graduated from Bradley Polytechnic Institute, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in chemistry, is with his father in business. He is a member of two honorary fraternities, the Phi Sigma Pi of Bradley College, and the Pi Gamma Mu. Howard Rudolph, who took up aviation, is now a flying cadet at Marsh Field, Riverside, California, where he has been studying for one year. On his return to Peoria, after finishing his course, he will have the rank of second lieutenant. He is a member of the Beta Mu fraternity of Bradley

College and of the De Molay. Helen, who before her marriage was a teacher in the Peoria public schools, is the wife of John Barrick, who is employed in the clerical department of the Missouri & St. Louis Railroad. They are the parents of a daughter, Phyllis. Telma, who is a member of the Delta Kappa sorority, is the wife of James Wherry, a farmer of Putnam, Illinois. Alma, who was formerly a kindergarten teacher and was president of the Peoria Kindergarten Teachers' Club, is the wife of Claude U. Stone, an attorney in Peoria, and they are the parents of a son, Claude U., Jr. Mr. Stone is mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Poppen is a member of Charter Oak Camp, M. W. A., of Peoria, and he and his family are members of the Lutheran Church. He has had an eventful career, and among the outstanding incidents of his life was when embarking for the United States he was shipwrecked off the coast of Falmouth, England, but was saved by a life boat. He is a man of forceful individuality, energetic and positive in manner, and has devoted himself indefatigably to the upbuilding of the fine business which he now enjoys. He has achieved success because of the sound principles by which he has been guided and today is recognized as one of Peoria's leading men of affairs.

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### CLARENCE HOBART ENGLE

Clarence H. Engle, superintendent of the public schools of Vermont, is one of Fulton county's well known educators, his record in his present position having attracted much attention. A well trained and symmetrically developed man, he has rendered splendid service in the field of education and is held in high regard within his profession. He was born near Cuba, Fulton county, on the 30th of April, 1903, and is a son of Thomas B. and Cora B. (Pierce) Engle. Thomas B. Engle was born near Cuba, Illinois, March 12, 1882, his father having settled in Fulton county, this state, soon after the Civil war. The family is of German descent and was founded in this country by Mathias Engle, who settled in Virginia in 1803. Thomas B. Engle is a farmer and coal mine operator. Agriculture is his hobby and he

has been fairly successful in his affairs. He supports the republican party, but is not active in politics. He belongs to the Methodist Church and fraternally is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men. On February 5, 1902, he married Miss Cora B. Pierce, a native of Fulton county. Left an orphan at a tender age, she was reared by an aunt, and she acquired her education in the public schools of this county. She is a member of the Methodist Church.

Clarence H. Engle spent his early life on his father's farm and attended the country schools near his home. He was graduated from the Cuba high school in 1921 and spent two years in Hedding College and one year in the Kansas Agricultural and Mechanical College at Manhattan, Kansas. In the fall of 1923 he entered the Western Illinois State Teachers College at Macomb, Illinois, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1926. He then came to Vermont as a teacher and one year later was promoted to his present position as superintendent. He received his Master degree from the University of Illinois in 1930. His work here has been of a quality that has commended him very highly to the patrons of the school, who recognize and appreciate his learning, ability and character.

Mr. Engle was married to Miss Charlseas M. O'Bryant, a daughter of Charles and Felicia (Bennett) O'Bryant, of Bryant, Illinois. Her father was born near that place on July 22, 1882, and received his education in the public schools of Fulton county and Bushnell College, at Bushnell, Illinois. He is a farmer by occupation, is successful in his material affairs and is a highly respected citizen. He votes the republican ticket, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America. He has been assessor of his township for many years, as well as party committeeman for his district. His wife was educated in the public schools of Fulton county and the high school at Canton, Illinois. She is a republican in politics and a member of the Christian Church. Mr. and Mrs. O'Bryant have five children, namely: Charlseas, who is Mrs. Engle; Claud, born July 5, 1906, and now a resident of St. Louis, Missouri; Mary



Lee, born November 28, 1908; Virginia, born May 28, 1918; and John, born May 17, 1922. Mrs. Engle was educated in the country schools and the public school of Bryant, graduated from the Canton high school in 1922 and attended the Western Illinois State Teachers College at Macomb, after which she taught for three years in the public schools of Fulton county. She votes the republican ticket and is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She is an enthusiastic fisherwoman and indulges frequently in that delightful outdoor sport. She derives great pleasure from her garden and flowers and is a member of several social clubs in Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Engle are the parents of a daughter, Cora Lou.

Mr. Engle is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Phi Delta Kappa, Sigma Delta Sigma and Kappa Phi Kappa fraternities, and is also affiliated with the Fulton County Schoolmasters' Club, the Illinois State Teachers' Association and the National Education Association. He is a republican in his political views. He has always loved athletics, particularly basketball, and greatly enjoys fishing and hunting. He likes to travel and has visited many parts of the United States. He is a lover of books, particularly along educational lines, including psychology and philosophy. He is a progressive man in his ideas and methods and since entering his present position has done much to advance the educational status of his school. He manifests a genuine interest in the civic affairs of Vermont and is one of his community's most popular citizens.

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## VERMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The town of Vermont, Fulton county, is the possessor of one of the best public school plants for a community of its size in the state of Illinois, a fact which is fully appreciated by the citizens of the community. A progressive, up-to-date school board, a capable and efficient superintendent and a faculty of earnest and highly trained teachers are cooperating to a degree that is producing splendid results. The present building, which was first occupied on January 1, 1925, was erected at a cost of one hundred thousand dollars. It is three stories in height and one

hundred and thirty-eight by eighty-five feet in size, is constructed of brick and is graded as semi-fireproof. It has its own heating plant and own water system. On the first floor are the janitor's storeroom, the heating plant, water-works and gymnasium. The latter will seat four hundred people and has a large and well equipped stage. On this floor there is also a lunch room, for the convenience of the pupils. On the second floor is the grade school, including eight grades, and the office of the superintendent, while on the third floor is the high school, library and well equipped general science laboratories. The school has a radio, with loud speakers in every room. A school paper, "The Echo," is published by the student body and is a valuable adjunct to the activities of the school. This school is regularly recognized by the state department of education and is accredited by the University of Illinois. There are also boys' and girls' locker rooms, with shower baths, and there is space for manual training and domestic science equipment, which will eventually be installed.

A due share of attention is given to athletics in this school, the program including basket-ball, baseball, football, track and tennis. The well kept athletic field is four hundred and fifty yards by three hundred yards in size. The school grounds have been ornamented by shrubbery set out by a competent landscape gardener. The high school draws students from three counties and about one-third of the students come from outside the district. As an evidence of the fact that the Vermont school management has been in capable hands, it may be noted that, whereas the average per capita cost of high school operation for the state is one hundred and twenty-two dollars and seventy cents, the cost of the Vermont high school in 1928 was one hundred and seventeen dollars and forty-nine cents per capita.

The board of education is as follows: H. C. Musgrove, president; C. W. Craig, secretary; Dr. Nielsen, Clyde Wise, Paul Adams, Harry Kost, and William Bader. The faculty is as follows: C. H. Engle, B. S., M. A., superintendent, physics and biology; Doris Cox, B. S., Latin, mathematics and bookkeeping; Naomi Steele, A. B., English and dramatics; C. C. Mercer, B. S.,

general science, geography and physical training; Irene Harner, A. B., M. A., history, commercial law and economics; Emma Tingley, grades one and two; Mildred Ralston, grades three and four; Margaret Reynolds, grades five and six; and Edgar McAllister, grades seven and eight.

Formerly, because of a disagreement among the citizens of the community, Vermont had two school districts. In the course of time the two districts began to cooperate and eventually were united into one district. The patrons of the present school are proud of the institution, are progressive in their ideas as to education and are greatly interested in the progress of the school. The school board and faculty cooperate in the purchases of supplies and the district is almost out of debt.

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### DANIEL O'CONNOR

One of the most successful plumbing and steam-heating firms in Peoria is that of O'Connor Brothers, at 126 South Washington street, of which Daniel O'Connor is an active member. He was born in Peoria on the 5th of August, 1864, and is a son of Dennis and Ann (Farrell) O'Connor, both of whom were natives of Ireland. Dennis O'Connor was reared at home to the age of fifteen years, when he sailed for the United States, landing here in 1852. He came to Peoria by boat from New Orleans. He enlisted in an Illinois regiment with his brother Edward, who was killed in battle, and he served throughout the Civil war. After the cessation of hostilities between the north and the south he worked for some years on the Rock Island Railroad and was for eighteen years a member of the Peoria police force. His wife came to this country alone at the age of sixteen years, locating in Peoria. To them were born eight children, of whom six survive. Peter O'Conner, who died at the age of twenty-four years, married Miss Sarah Walsh, also now deceased, and their one child died in infancy. Margaret passed away at the age of thirty-eight years. Anna is the widow of John Fitzgerald, late of Peoria, whose death occurred June 20, 1928. Edward O'Connor, who is the business partner of his brother Daniel, has been married twice,



first to Mary Dalton, now deceased, and secondly to Caroline Schmidt. Thomas O'Connor, of Peoria, who is employed as an investigator by the state sanitary district, married Miss Katherine Flaherty, a native of Peoria, and their two children are: Edward, an attorney of Peoria, who enlisted in the United States Infantry and served overseas for twenty-six months; and Marie, the wife of Willard Waugh, who is engaged in the automobile business in Peoria. William O'Connor, a plumber by trade and in the employ of O'Connor Brothers, married Miss Della Iago. Nellie is the wife of Frank O'Connell and they have had five children, one of whom died at the age of twenty years as the result of an automobile accident. The others are: Anna, who married Joseph Kelly, of Peoria, and has two children, Mary and James; Mary, who has one child, Margaret, and whose husband, Raymond O'Brien, is connected with the Association of Commerce of Peoria; Philip, who is in the service of the American Railway Express Company in Peoria and lives at home; and Margaret, who resides in Peoria with her aunt, Mrs. John Fitzgerald. Joseph Kelly, the husband of Anna (O'Connell) Kelly, took over the grocery business which had been conducted for over fifty years by his father, J. J. Kelly, who is now retired.

Daniel O'Connor, the remaining surviving member of the family of Dennis and Ann (Farrell) O'Connor, received his education in the public schools of Peoria, and in 1880 started to learn the plumbing trade with the Kinsey & Mahler Company of Peoria, with which he continued for three years. In 1884 he went to work for the Forsyth & Clark Plumbing Company, with which firm he remained until 1891, when he formed a partnership with his brother Edward, under the firm name of O'Connor Brothers, and engaged in the general plumbing and heating business. After a number of years they moved from their original location, 105 South Jefferson street, to 126 South Washington street, where Mr. O'Connor owns a two-story building, fifty-two by one hundred and eleven feet, utilizing the corner store for his plumbing enterprise. In addition to conducting an extensive plumbing and steam-fitting business, O'Connor Brothers do considerable sewer contracting in Peoria and adjoining territory. They have a large and well equipped shop and enjoy an enviable reputation

among the leaders in their line in this city. They are members of the Peoria Master Plumbers Association, the Illinois State Plumbers Association and the National Plumbers Association.

In October, 1896, Mr. O'Connor was united in marriage to Miss Mary O'Leary, who was a native of Sparland, Illinois. Her parents, who are deceased, were natives of Ireland, and the father followed farming throughout his active life. Mrs. O'Connor passed away in February, 1926. Mr. O'Connor and his family are members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. He is widely known in Peoria and throughout the range of his acquaintance is regarded as well worthy of the confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

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### JAMES NELSON CONOVER

One of Morgan county's leading business men is James N. Conover, the president and general manager of the Ideal Baking Company of Jacksonville, which has been developed into one of the foremost business concerns of this section of the state. He was born in Spencer, Indiana, on the 20th of August, 1882, and is a son of Ezra and Katherine (Lantz) Conover, natives of Indiana and Lancaster, Ohio, respectively. There were four children in the family.

James N. Conover received his educational training in the public schools of Stonington, Illinois, to which locality the family had moved at an early day. About the time he left school, his father having died, he found it necessary to provide an income, and to this end he started a dray line in Stonington. In 1901 he also bought a grocery store in Venice, Illinois, which he successfully conducted for three years, when, in 1904, he was completely washed out in a flood. He then went on the road as a traveling salesman for the Forbes Coffee Company, with which concern he was connected for twenty-four years, or until January 1, 1930. In 1922 Mr. Conover organized the Ideal Baking Company, of Jacksonville, and purchased the Jenkinson Baking Company. This latter company had a productive capacity of nine hundred loaves of bread per day, which has been steadily

increased until the present production is approximately eleven thousand loaves daily. The company started with two trucks, but eleven are now required to handle the enormous business which has been built up. Mr. Conover assumed the active management of the enterprise in 1926 and under his wise direction the business has made substantial advancement, while the manufacturing plant has been maintained at the highest degree of efficiency.

In 1908 Mr. Conover was united in marriage to Miss Edith Catherine Bond, of Beardstown, Illinois, and they are the parents of two children: Robert James, who is a student at the University of Illinois; and Dorothy, who is attending high school.

Mr. Conover gives his political support to the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran Church. Fraternally he is identified with Jacksonville Lodge, No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jacksonville Chapter, R. A. M.; Jacksonville Council, R. & S. M.; Jacksonville Commandery, K. T.; Ansar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Springfield; Grotto No. 3, of Jacksonville; and Jacksonville Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. He is also a member and was formerly a director of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce. He has been actively interested in every movement looking to the advancement of Jacksonville's commercial and civic welfare and is regarded as one of the city's able and progressive business men and public-spirited citizens.

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### WILLIAM G. SUTTON

One of the leading business men and influential citizens of Woodford county is William G. Sutton, the owner and operator of the Minonk Coal Company, though residing at Normal. He is distinctively progressive in his undertakings and his prosperity has been attained through honorable and worthy methods. He was born at Rutland, La Salle county, Illinois, about sixty years ago, and is a son of Harvey and Lucy Ann Sutton, who came to Illinois in 1849 from Andersonville, Franklin county, Indiana. Harvey Sutton was a man of fine character and splen-



did personality and was for forty-five years a carpenter and builder, having erected many of the best buildings and residences in and around Rutland. He and his wife were devout members of the Christian Church, and he was a charter member and a past master of Andersonville (Indiana) lodge of Masons. He was formerly a whig, and later a republican, in his political affiliation. He died at the age of eighty-three years and his wife passed away at the age of seventy-eight years. To this worthy couple were born three sons and three daughters. Two of the sons, Alonzo and Robert, are now retired, Alonzo living in Minonk and the latter in California.

William G. Sutton attended the public schools, graduating from the Rutland high school. He worked for his father and clerked in stores until twenty-one years of age. He then went to work as a clerk for Emerson Halke, the coal operator at Rutland, in which capacity he became intimately familiar with every phase of the mining business. After ten years he became manager, which position he held for another ten-year period, when he resigned and, coming to Minonk, took over his present property, which he operates under the name of the Minonk Coal Company. These mines were formerly operated by Minor T. Ames, but had been abandoned prior to Mr. Sutton's taking them over. He installed modern machinery and, with his previous practical experience, has been enabled to operate them very successfully for the past twenty-eight years. He supplies points on the Illinois Central and Santa Fe Railroads, and also covers a radius of forty miles around Minonk with a fleet of forty trucks. He is an independent operator and has run the mines for over a quarter of a century with practically no loss of time, having received the complete cooperation of the miners whom he employs. From the beginning he proved himself a man of progressive ideas and has been a real factor in the growth and upbuilding of Minonk. He erected the Sutton building, in which he has his office, and the Royal service station, at Minonk, one of the most elaborate stations in the state of Illinois. This station is in the care of his two sons, Harvey A. and George Alonzo.

Mr. Sutton was united in marriage to Miss Mary Mateer, a daughter of Alfred Mateer and a schoolmate of his in Rutland.

They are the parents of three children, the two sons already mentioned and Lucile Ann, who holds the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from the Normal University, and is preparing for a Doctor's degree. She has taught school and is exceedingly well liked in social circles. Mr. Sutton is a republican in his political views and is a member of the Kiwanis Club. He is a strong advocate of good roads and stands in the front rank of the enterprising and up-to-date citizens of his locality.

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### WILLIAM H. SCHELM

As a pioneer manufacturer of automobile bodies William H. Schelm has made important contribution to the industrial development of Peoria, which is also indebted to him for the erection of a number of business blocks and residences. Having won a substantial measure of success through his own exertions, he is now living retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of a well spent life. He was born in Brighton, Illinois, March 31, 1865, a son of Henry and Amelia (Brummer) Schelm, the former a native of Brunswick, Germany, and the latter of Saxony. The father came to this country in early life and purchased land at Brighton, Illinois, where his marriage occurred. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schelm were born eight children, of whom six survive, as follows: Mrs. Lilly Hauler, a resident of Brighton; Mrs. Emma Miller; Frank, who lives in Alton, Madison county, Illinois; Sadie, now Mrs. Daniel Wilson, of Chicago; Mrs. Amelia Grabby, of Stuttgart, Arkansas; and William H.

The last named attended the public schools of his native town and early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the farm-bred boy. Leaving home at the age of twenty-one, he purchased land in that vicinity and followed farming there until he was thirty-two. In 1897 he located in Brighton and was there engaged in blacksmithing, wagon repairing and the sale of farm implements for eight years, prospering in his undertakings. On the expiration of that period he disposed of his interests in Brighton and removed to Peoria. In 1905 he opened a shop at his present site on Anna street in East Peoria

and devoted his attention to his trade until motor vehicles came into general use. Alert to the trend of the times, Mr. Schelm then began to manufacture automobile bodies, mostly for commercial purposes, and continued in general repairing. About 1909 he erected the present plant, to which he subsequently added, increasing its dimensions to one hundred and thirty-five by fifty-six feet. A master craftsman, he found a ready market for his automobile bodies and year by year the demand for the output of his factory increased. Mr. Schelm continued as a manufacturer until 1929, developing one of the large and important productive industries of East Peoria, and since that date the business has been owned and managed by his three sons, Carl, Paul and Harold. With firm faith in the future of the city, the father acquired much of the vacant land adjoining the factory and improved this property by the erection of a brick dwelling, which he has since occupied; a theater building of brick, which has been converted into a bakery; a restaurant; a Piggly Wiggly store; a rooming-house on Washington street; two double frame houses, one located on McKinley street and the other on Poplar; and a fine modern business block on the corner of Anna and Washington streets, now the home of a large furniture company. Mr. Schelm became a stockholder in the Whole Wheat Products Company of Peoria and is one of the directors of the corporation. Endowed with foresight and sound judgment, he avoided the many pitfalls into which unrestricted progressiveness is so frequently led, focusing his energies in directions where fruition is certain, and his intelligently directed labors in former years now enable him to live retired.

In 1888 Mr. Schelm was married in Peoria to Miss Henrietta Lauck, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lauck, who came to this country from Germany. Mrs. Schelm passed away in 1905, leaving six children: Mrs. Hilda Arnold, whose home is in East Peoria; Mrs. Alma Wyckoff, of Chattanooga, Tennessee; Carl, who lives in East Peoria; Mrs. Ruth Engle, of Millville, New York; Paul, of East Peoria; and Viola, a resident of Chicago. On the 17th of June, 1905, Mr. Schelm was married to Miss Julia Gerdt, a native of Brighton and a daughter of William and Mary (Ebeler) Gerdt. To the second marriage



were born two sons: Alfred, now living in St. Petersburg, Florida; and Harold, of East Peoria. Mr. Schelm has five grandchildren: Sheldon and Allen Dale Arnold; and Joseph, Gene and Betty Barbara Engle.

Mr. and Mrs. Schelm are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of East Peoria and in politics he maintains an independent attitude, regarding the qualifications of a candidate as a matter of first importance. A prominent Mason, he belongs to East Peoria Lodge, No. 331, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master, and to the chapter, council, commandery and consistory. Both he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star and the latter is a past matron of Central City Chapter of that order. Mr. Schelm is a past grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is also identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. While never an aspirant for political office, he lends the weight of his support to every movement that he deems vital to the welfare of his community and in developing his business he has rendered important service to the city, furthering its up-building and progress to a notable extent. In the school of experience Mr. Schelm has been an apt pupil, daily mastering the lessons of life and thereby developing his powers. His is a most creditable record, which clearly illustrates the fact that the field of opportunity is open to every individual and that the rewards of honesty, industry and devotion to duty are sure.

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### HON. DAN ROBINSON SHEEN

The name of Hon. Dan Robinson Sheen was long one of prominence in Peoria, his native city, where he engaged in the practice of law for five and a half decades, winning success and distinction in his profession. Called to public office, he aided in framing the laws of Illinois and was an outstanding figure in political and legal circles of the state during the last quarter of the past century and the first quarter of the present. For many years a resident of Peoria, he witnessed its growth from a small community to a thriving, prosperous city of considerable commercial importance and assisted greatly in its development.

He was born on a farm near the city on the 29th of November, 1852, and was a son of Peter and Melissa (Robinson) Sheen, the latter a representative of a family that was established in this country prior to the Revolutionary war. Peter Sheen, a native of Ireland, came to the United States as a young man, casting his lot with the pioneers of Peoria county, Illinois, and prospered as a farmer and stock-raiser. He was a man of generous impulses and contributed liberally to the fund for building Jubilee College.

Reared on the home farm, Hon. Dan Robinson Sheen attended a country school in that locality and at the age of nineteen enrolled in the Normal School at Peoria. After his graduation he took a course in Brown's Business College and meanwhile had become interested in the law. His studies were pursued under Robert G. Ingersoll and in the office of Puterbaugh Brothers & McCune. Admitted to the bar in June, 1874, Mr. Sheen opened an office in Peoria and practiced alone for a time. His first partner was Thomas Black, a nephew of Robert G. Ingersoll, and later he combined his legal interests with those of M. C. Quinn, continuing that relationship until 1885. He then formed a connection with R. H. Lovett, with whom he was associated for eight years, and in 1893 resumed independent practice. However, soon afterward he admitted Frank T. Miller as a partner, remaining with him for seven years, and on the expiration of that period became senior member of the law firm of Sheen & David—an association that was terminated by the demise of the junior member in 1912. E. J. Galbraith was Mr. Sheen's next partner and practiced with him until the latter's death on the 23d of April, 1929, at the age of seventy-seven years. Accounted the dean of Peoria's legal fraternity, Mr. Sheen established his position among the foremost attorneys of his state and through his example and efforts he inculcated in men a high regard for the dignity of the law and respect for its observance.

In 1876 Mr. Sheen was married to Miss Sarah A. Stiehl, who was born in Peoria and is still a resident of the city, occupying the home at 200 Ellis street. Her father, Gottfried Stiehl, was a native of Germany and sailed for America in 1848, when a young man of twenty, attracted to the new world by the discov-

ery of gold in California. With other young men of adventurous spirit he journeyed westward to St. Louis, Missouri, but soon afterward proceeded to Rushville, Illinois, joining his uncle, John Stiehl, who had a farm in that district, and while there met Miss Amanda Seely, a native of Vermont, who latter became his wife. About 1852 the young couple settled in Peoria and in 1865 Mr. Stiehl opened a grocery store on South Adams street. He was one of the earliest merchants to locate on that thoroughfare and there conducted business for many years, enjoying a large patronage. He long held membership in the Masonic order and was one of the charter members of Schiller Lodge of Peoria. Of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stiehl but three attained mature years and only two survive, Mrs. Sheen and Dr. G. F. Stiehl, who is a prominent dentist of Salt Lake City. The latter is married and has a son, Ralph Stiehl, who is employed in the New York office of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company. Mrs. Sheen has reared and educated a niece, Lillian V. Stiehl, a daughter of her older brother, Louis Stiehl, now deceased. Miss Stiehl is a graduate of the Peoria high school and an accomplished young lady of winning personality. She makes her home with Mrs. Sheen and both are members of the First Church of Christ, Scientist. Mrs. Sheen is also identified with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the P. E. O. society and the Woman's Study Club. Unselfish and sympathetic, she has performed many acts of charity and kindness and is highly esteemed in the city in which her life has been spent.

Prior to 1876 Mr. Sheen was a democrat but the attitude of the party in regard to the traffic in liquor displeased him and in that year he joined the prohibition party. Ever a strong and fearless advocate of temperance, he rejoiced in the passage of the eighteenth amendment to the constitution and was long an active member of the Order of Good Templars. In public affairs he took a prominent part and was nominated for mayor of his city, losing the election by a very small margin. In 1904 he was elected to the fifty-fourth general assembly of Illinois and while a member of the house was instrumental in securing the passage of much constructive legislation. In 1908, as the nominee of the prohibition party, he was Governor Deneen's opponent in the



race for the office of chief executive of Illinois and polled a large vote. An untiring student and discriminating reader, Mr. Sheen had a positive love for the classics in prose and poetry and he was as well versed in Biblical as in legal lore. Alert, energetic and industrious, he remained an active factor in the world's work to the end of the chapter, deriving enjoyment from the capable performance of his daily tasks, and extracted from life the real essence of living. His fidelity to his clients and to his own principles, his devotion to the ties of home and friendship, his honor and integrity ever remained above question and his passing brought a keen sense of sorrow and loss to all who were privileged to know him.

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#### CHARLES HENRY RAMMELKAMP, PH. D.

Dr. Charles Henry Rammelkamp, who had served as president of Illinois College at Jacksonville since 1905 and was widely known in educational circles of the east as well as the middle west, was born in New York city, February 25, 1874, a son of George and Meta (Krack) Rammelkamp. As a boy he removed with his parents to South Orange, New Jersey, where he pursued his education until 1891, when he was graduated from high school, winning a state scholarship in Rutgers College. After another year's attendance at the South Orange high school he entered Cornell University at Ithaca, New York, and while there was particularly interested in history. During his student days he was editor of the Cornell Sun, vice president of the college debating society, known as the Curtis Debating Club, and in his senior year won the Woodford prize in oratory. In 1896 he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy by Cornell University and elected to a fellowship in American history. His scholastic achievements won for him admission to the Phi Beta Kappa society and he was also made a member of the Quill and Dagger society. Appointed instructor in American history, he continued with Cornell University in that capacity for three years, from 1897 until 1900, and in the latter year his alma mater conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy. In 1900

he went abroad, devoting a year to travel. He next served for one year (1901-02) as instructor in history in Leland Stanford Junior University, and in 1902 came to Jacksonville as professor of history and political science at Illinois College. Since April 15, 1905, he had occupied the office of president, efficiently administering the affairs of the institution, which has greatly prospered from both a financial and educational standpoint during the intervening period, attaining its present prestige under his wise guidance.

On the 28th of June, 1907, Dr. Rammelkamp was united in marriage to Rhoda Jeannette Capps and they were the parents of five children: Rhoda, Charles Henry, Edith Sophie, Julian Sturtevant and Theodore.

Dr. Rammelkamp gave his political support to the republican party and was a Presbyterian in religious faith. He was a member of the University Club of Chicago, the Rotary Club and the Midland Authors' Club and belonged to the American Historical Association and the Illinois State Historical Society, having been a trustee of the last named. He was author of the Centennial History of Illinois College and was a contributor to historical reviews.

The Doctor passed away April 5, 1932.

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### CHESTER L. WHITNAH

The Whitnah family is one of the oldest and best known in Fulton county, where its members have for nearly a hundred years been engaged in business or agricultural pursuits and have consistently exemplified the highest type of citizenship. The first of the name to become established in this county was Andrew J. Whitnah, who settled on a farm near Canton in 1836. He was born at West Liberty, in what is now West Virginia, February 23, 1815, and was a son of William Burns Whitnah, a native of Virginia. In 1819 the family moved to Livingston county, New York, where they were engaged in farming until 1832, when they moved to Michigan. They lived there for four years and then, on April 14, 1836, Andrew J. Whitnah started from that state for Galena, Illinois. Two days previously Mr.

Whitnah married Miss Elizabeth J. Hendershott, of New York, and the party, consisting of himself and his bride and father and mother, started for the Illinois valley, a trip which at that time was one of considerable importance. The trip was made in wagons and upon reaching Ottawa, Illinois, so difficult was it to obtain provisions that they were diverted from their original purpose and, following the Illinois river, they came to Fulton county. Andrew J. Whitnah settled on a tract of land near Canton, which he developed into a valuable and productive farm in the course of time, and there he spent the remaining years of his life. To him and his wife were born eleven children.

Hiram A. Whitnah, son of Andrew J. and Elizabeth (Hendershott) Whitnah, was born in Buckheart township, Fulton county, in 1838. He attended the common schools of his home neighborhood and on attaining mature years became active as a farmer and trader. In 1859 he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in section 34, Buckheart township, and with his own hands he cleared this land of its virgin timber, hauling the wood to Canton, where he exchanged it for the necessities of life. He was known as a hard-working man and one who required very little rest, seldom sleeping over five hours. Thus he was enabled to accomplish much more than the average man. He was a man of sterling character, rugged honesty, straightforward in all of his personal relations and very capable in the management of his affairs. He was a warm supporter of the democratic party and took a keen interest in the political affairs of his home county, invariably casting his vote for the candidates who in his judgment were best qualified to fill the offices they sought. He was a consistent member of the Christian Church, to which he gave generous support, as he did also to all worthy benevolent causes. He was very fond of hunting and fishing, the chief diversions of those days. He remained on his farm until about 1884, when he moved to Canton, where he devoted most of his time to trading in live stock, in which business he was actively engaged until his death, on March 12, 1894, the result of an accident which occurred while he was loading hogs.

In 1859, Hiram A. Whitnah was united in marriage to Mary Elizabeth Snider, a daughter of Solomon B. and Deborah (Wil-



coxen) Snider. Her father was born in Carter, Tennessee, in 1812, and was a son of William and Elizabeth (Bealor) Snider, both of whom were of German parentage. Solomon B. Snider moved to Buckheart township, Fulton county, Illinois, in 1853, and during the greater part of his life was a farmer. He was a republican in politics and filled the office of justice of the peace at Peoria for one term. It was in Carter county, Tennessee, in 1833, that he married Deborah Wilcoxen, who passed away May 10, 1872. Solomon B. Snider departed this life in March, 1889. Mrs. Deborah (Wilcoxen) Snider was a daughter of Samuel Wilcoxen, who was born in 1806 and whose father was a nephew to Daniel Boone. The Wilcoxen family first settled in North Carolina, but moved to Kentucky in 1815. In 1830, Captain Elijah Wilcoxen, brother of Samuel, moved to Liverpool, Illinois. Samuel Wilcoxen followed him in 1836 and they both became wealthy landowners of Liverpool township. Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Snider) Whitnah was a member of the Christian Church, and belonged to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She was a great reader and enjoyed the companionship of her friends and neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. Whitnah became the parents of two children: Chester Leon, of this review; and Pearl Arzena, the wife of C. C. Rohrer, of Los Angeles, California.

Chester Leon Whitnah was born in Buckheart township, Fulton county, Illinois, on the 12th of July, 1868, and received his elementary education in the grade schools of Fulton county, graduating from the Canton high school in 1886. He then became associated with his father in the lumber, grain and meat packing business, a partnership which was continued until the death of the father. At that time Chester L. Whitnah became administrator of the estate and gradually drifted back to farming. He is now the owner of Duck Island, a tract of fifteen hundred acres near the Illinois river and a short distance from Canton, which land is devoted to general farming and stock-raising. He has been associated with a number of business concerns in this county, prominent among which is the Canton National Bank, of which he was a director for a number of years. He has always been interested in drainage projects and is a member of the executive committee of the Association of Drainage and Levees of the District of Illinois.

On February 14, 1889, Mr. Whitnah was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Lillie Frazier, who was born in Fulton county, July 27, 1868, and is a daughter of Theophilus L. and Dora (Durham) Frazier, early settlers of Adams county, Illinois. Mr. Frazier was a veteran of the Civil war, for which he enlisted on September 1, 1862. He was first under the command of General Buell, and was then under General Sherman on the latter's historic march from Atlanta to the sea. He took part in the battles of Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Rossville Gap, Peach Tree Orchard and Missionary Ridge, besides many minor engagements and skirmishes. His death occurred on April 22, 1913. He was a republican in politics and was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic at Canton. Mrs. Elizabeth (Frazier) Whitnah was educated in the grade schools of Lewistown and the high school at Canton. She likes to travel and enjoys the great out-of-doors. She has been active in social affairs and club work as a member of the Ebell and Altruistic Clubs and has served as a member of the executive board of the Young Women's Christian Association of Canton. Mr. and Mrs. Whitnah are the parents of two children, Mildred and Dorthea W. Mildred was born January 13, 1890, received a good public and high school education and is the wife of M. D. Montgomery, a member of the jewelry firm of Montgomery Brothers in Los Angeles, California, their marriage occurring February 12, 1913. They are the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Jane, born September 24, 1915. Dorthea W. Whitnah was born September 19, 1896, and in 1918 became the wife of Captain George Barton, of Detroit, where he is connected with the Senior Investment Company, stock and bond dealers. They have a son, Whitnah H., born August 1, 1920. Mrs. Chester L. Whitnah has a brother, Clifton W. Frazier, who was born July 27, 1874, and is now a banker at Peoria, Illinois.

Chester L. Whitnah has long been actively interested in the welfare of his home city and was for two years a member of the city council. During the World war he was an active member of the Citizens Reserve, serving under Director U. G. Orendorff. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is a

member of the Canton Young Men's Christian Association and he and his wife belong to the Church of Christ, Scientist. Their home is on Duck Island, but they spend much of their time traveling, of which they are both very fond. Being opposed to the killing of any living creature, Mr. Whitnah never hunts or fishes, but loves outdoor life and nature in all of its forms. He is a man of strong character, but is unassuming and friendly in his social relations, so that throughout this community he has a host of warm and loyal friends.

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### FRED H. SOLDWEDEL

As a representative of one of Tazewell's old and well known families and himself a leading farmer and business man of Pekin, Fred H. Soldwedel is deserving of special mention in this work. He was born on the 17th of April, 1871, at Manito, Mason county, Illinois, and is a son of Timm and Sophia (Clausen) Soldwedel, in whose family were nine children, as follows: Mary, born in Hamburg, Germany, and now the widow of Walton Conover and the mother of a son, Walton, Jr., born March 10, 1890; Anna Elizabeth, also a native of Hamburg, Germany, and now the wife of George Phantz, of Pekin, Illinois; Dora F., born in Hamburg, September 28, 1862; Emma, who was born in Hamburg, June 23, 1865, and became the wife of Henry Phantz, while her death occurred December 29, 1891; George, born August 28, 1868, at Manito, Illinois; Fred H.; Henry W., born April 9, 1873, at Manito, Illinois; William H., born October 5, 1874, at Manito, Illinois; and Mrs. Louise Miller, born March 10, 1877, at Manito, Illinois.

Fred H. Soldwedel received his education in the public schools of Mason county and assisted his father at farming and the dairy business. On the death of his father he took over the business, which, under his careful and judicious management, has been developed into one of Pekin's substantial and prosperous concerns, the firm of Fred H. Soldwedel & Sons, owning a dairy and cheese-making plant at 9 North Fifth street, Pekin, and an ice cream and butter plant at 9 South Third street. He is also the owner



of several fine farms in this county, to the operation of which he gives his personal attention and on which he raises some fine dairy cattle. He is also now opening an addition to the city of Pekin, which will probably be quickly sold, as it is in a choice location.

On October 9, 1895, Mr. Soldwedel was united in marriage to Miss Clara Frederica Reuling, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Reuling, of Pekin. Mrs. Soldwedel was born in Pekin, April 26, 1875, and was educated in the schools of this city. She is a member of the Congregational Church, in the work of which she takes an active part. She is a democrat in politics, is greatly interested in public affairs and belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star, the Women's Club and the Home Bureau. She has long been active in the civic and social affairs of Pekin, and is very highly esteemed by all who know her. Mr. and Mrs. Soldwedel have six children, as follows: Paul T., born July 10, 1896, and Carl F., born February 19, 1898, are mentioned elsewhere in this work; Cornelia is the wife of Vernon Richardson, of Springfield, Illinois; Fred R. Soldwedel, born May 24, 1906, is represented on other pages of this work; and Timm and Henry, twins, born July 30, 1910. They were educated in the Pekin public schools, graduating from high school in 1929, and are now studying medicine in De Pauw University. They both played basket-ball on the high school team of 1928-29, and are members of the Delta Upsilon and the Theta Nu Epsilon fraternities. During their vacations they assist their father and brothers in the dairy and ice cream business in Pekin.

Mr. Soldwedel has always supported the democratic party and has taken an active part in local public affairs. He has been a member of the board of supervisors of Tazewell county for many years, has been its chairman for the past five years and was a member of the board that built the present courthouse at Pekin. He has also been a member of the school board for six years. He shows an effective interest in everything that concerns the general welfare and commercial and civic advancement of his community and is one of its most public-spirited men. His religious connection is with the Congregational Church, and he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Modern

Woodmen of America, the Tazewell Club, the Kiwanis Club, of which he is a charter member, and the Farm Bureau, and is a charter member of the Association of Commerce. He possesses strength of character and sound judgment in practical affairs—qualities which have gained for him the uniform confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

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### MYRON BENJAMIN PLATZ

Myron B. Platz, superintendent of schools at Barry, Illinois, was born in Hurdland, Missouri, March 10, 1890, and is a son of M. W. and Lucy (Powers) Platz. The father was born in Indiana, January 26, 1866, and has always followed agricultural pursuits. For many years he has made his home at Hurdland and served on its school board for two decades, exerting every effort to further the cause of education in that locality. His political support is given to the republican party and fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. His wife was born March 5, 1868, and in her early life was left an orphan. She has membership in the United Brethren Church and is active in its work. Mr. and Mrs. Platz have three children: Myron Benjamin; Mrs. Cordie Pierce, of Hurdland, who was born May 5, 1893; and Mrs. Bruce Long, of Hurdland, born August 31, 1898.

The son, Myron B. Platz, attended the public schools of his native town and the College of Kirksville, Missouri, which awarded him the Bachelor of Science degree in 1920. He then became an instructor and in 1922 and 1923 was a postgraduate student at the University of Missouri, devoting half of his time to teaching at Stephens College. From 1923 until 1926 he was principal of the high school at Louisiana, Missouri, and has since had charge of the city schools of Barry. He has instituted changes and improvements in the methods of instruction and under his capable supervision the schools here have been brought up to a high standard. This is known as independent school district, No. 136, of which extended mention is made elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Platz was married August 21, 1912, to Miss Irene Baskett, a daughter of W. E. and Cordelia Baskett, of Linneus, Missouri. Mrs. Platz was born on the home farm January 1, 1893, and obtained her high school education at Kirksville. She has become the mother of one child, Mary Elizabeth, born May 16, 1918.

Fraternally Mr. Platz is identified with the Masons and the Modern Woodmen of America and his wife belongs to the Eastern Star and to the Parent-Teacher Association. Both are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and in politics Mr. Platz is nonpartisan, voting as his judgment dictates. In community affairs he takes an active part and is serving on the executive committee of the Lions Club of Barry. He keeps in touch with the most advanced thought of the day in regard to the control and management of public schools and is a member of the Illinois State Teachers Association and the National Education Association. His reading has largely been along educational lines and he is also well informed on the subject of history. For recreation he turns to fishing, hunting and other outdoor sports. He also enjoys traveling and has made a tour of the United States. Mr. Platz has a pleasing personality and is regarded as a valuable acquisition to the citizenship of Barry.

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### KARL DAWSON HUM

As the editor and owner of the Milton Beacon, Karl Dawson Hum has long exerted a force for development and progress in Pike county, and throughout the twenty-five years of its existence he has been active in the management of this paper. Born in Milton, October 30, 1889, he is a son of Henry Hum and a grandson of W. J. Hum. The family originated in France and in that country the name was d'Hamm.

Henry Hum was born in Mobile, Alabama, June 12, 1855, and pursued his education at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and in the West Chester Military School. As a young man he came to Illinois and was widely known by reason of his literary attainments. He was a writer of editorials, stories and plays and an



actor of ability as well. He was the author of the play called "Saul of Tarsus," which was successfully produced under his direction, and he took the role of Saul. As a scenic artist he had traveled over the country and knew every state in the Union. With an insatiable thirst for useful knowledge, he remained throughout life an earnest student and was a man of exceptional gifts. Fraternally he was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and filled all the offices in his lodge, of which he was a past noble grand at the time of his death, which occurred August 21, 1921. His widow, Mrs. Lizzie M. (Hughes) Hum, was born in Waupun, Wisconsin, April 30, 1866, a daughter of William McKennis Langsdale and Caroline (Scruby) Hughes, the former a native of Demerara, South America. Her grandfather, William Hughes, received from Queen Victoria a grant of land in British Guiana and became a wealthy planter. His wife was a member of the royal family of Holland and died when her son, William McKennis Langsdale Hughes, was born. He won success as a builder and after traveling all over the world finally married and settled in Milton, Illinois, where he continued in the contracting business until his demise. His daughter, Mrs. Henry Hum, removed with the family to Tennessee and later to Illinois. She pursued her studies in Carrollton and was a teacher for several years. She is an accomplished musician and has long occupied a place of prominence in social circles of Milton.

Karl D. Hum mastered the branches of learning taught in the public schools of his native town and then became an apprentice in a printing establishment, where he worked until 1906, when the Milton Beacon was started by his father, whom he joined in a partnership relation. This was continued until the father's death, at which time Karl D. Hum became editor and owner of the paper. It is the outgrowth of the old Milton Argus, the successor of the Milton Advocate, which was founded about 1867. The Milton Beacon is a weekly publication of independent views and specializes in local news. The paper is carefully edited and under Mr. Hum's progressive management it has grown steadily in power and usefulness.

On the 14th of October, 1924, Mr. Hum was married to Miss

Dulcie Mildred Kerr, who was born in Albia, Iowa, April 7, 1899, and is a daughter of Edwin and Fannie (Clancy) Kerr. She was reared on her father's farm and attended the schools of that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Hum now have a son, Karl Edwin, born April 10, 1928. A lover of outdoor sports, Mrs. Hum frequently accompanies her husband on his hunting and fishing trips and is a good shot. However, her interest centers in her home, her family and her flower garden. She also shares her husband's enjoyment of travel and they have visited many points of interest in the United States. Mr. Hum has held all the chairs in the local lodge of Odd Fellows and is a past noble grand of the order. In politics he is a republican and has occupied the office of village clerk. He is of the progressive type, both as a journalist and as a citizen, and through the columns of his paper champions every movement destined to prove of benefit to his community, county and state.

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#### INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 136, BARRY, ILLINOIS

Independent School District No. 136 has a four-year high school and one building that houses the grade schools. The old building, which was erected in 1874, has been remodeled and is used for teaching high school pupils as well as those in the seventh and eighth grades. Originally it served for all students. By 1913 the high school enrollment had increased to such an extent that more room was needed and an addition was built, providing a well lighted and equipped chemistry laboratory, music room and three good classrooms. After a few years the enrollment had again reached the point where more spacious quarters were required. These were provided in 1925, when a modern school building was erected to house the first six grades. Of brick construction, it is semi-fireproof and is supplied with city water, its own heating system and city lights. It has a basement and is two full stories above the ground. The high school building has been modernized and is also a two-story structure with a basement. In connection with the buildings there is quite a large

campus, which provides considerable playground. Portions of the grounds have been landscaped and beautified.

In addition to the regular high school course of study, instruction in music is furnished by an experienced teacher whose time is divided between the grades and high school. The music department of the Barry high school is outstanding and it enjoys the distinction of having won the western district teachers' college contest for two consecutive years. It has a high school orchestra, a boys' Glee Club, a girls' Glee Club and a mixed Glee Club. To every student is extended the privilege of taking individual instrumental music lessons at the high school.

The dramatic club, called the "Make-Up Box," is a member of the National Dramatic League of America. This club is limited to eighteen members from the three upper classes, who "try out" before the old members and faculty. The aspirants for membership must not only demonstrate the necessary talent for public speaking in its various branches but must also have an interest in the study course which makes up the programs throughout the year. Since its beginning in 1925 the club has numbered among its members many who have won honors in the contests of county, subdistrict, district and state. One feature of the work is the staging of a play which requires more than average skill to produce. The club has won high honors, both in state and district contests. In the oratory contest in 1931 the members of this organization won the second prize in their county, the first in the subdistrict and third in the district. In dramatic reading they received the first prize in their county, the first in their subdistrict, the second in the district and the second in the state contest.

Basket-ball has been the outstanding sport at the Barry high school and track work is also a feature of the training in athletics. Each year the school has an outstanding team in these two sports. Girls' physical education is not compulsory in this school but nevertheless the majority of girls enroll in the course for the pleasure as well as the benefit derived from it. Besides sports, the girls do other things as well, including folk dancing, clog dancing and interpretive dancing. The May Fete is now an annual event in the Barry schools and is the biggest undertaking



of the year. Children from the first to the last grade participate in this fete, which affords them an opportunity to demonstrate to the public some of the work they get regularly in school in their music and physical education.

For some time it has been the custom of the school to reward the members of athletic teams with the school letter—a block B in school colors. This is a very commendable thing to do, as every boy is proud of the letter which he has won. Beginning in 1929-30, Mr. Platz launched the idea that any students representing the school in music and literary events (individual entries) were just as much entitled to wear the school letter. The block B for music winners has the word music on one of the bars and the public-speaking winners have the letters P. S. on the middle bar of the B. So far as is known, this is the first and only school in western Illinois which puts music and literary work on an equal basis with athletics—a place where it rightfully belongs.

The Honor “B” Society of the Barry high school, founded in 1925, is intended to promote better scholarship. To be eligible to membership, one must enter the senior year with an average of ninety or more for the first three years. Beginning with the class of 1932, one must have spent a year in Barry high school before becoming eligible to membership. Those who continue to make grades averaging ninety or better are designated as honor graduates. To date there are fifty-two members. Many of these have gone to college and in most instances they have made the honor roll there.

The high school paper, known as The Barry Adage, is published by the Barry Adage Printing Company. The Yr-rab staff is chosen from the senior staff to “put out” the annual, the high school year book, which has been published successfully for thirteen consecutive years. The Yr-rab—Barry spelled backwards—has a high journalistic standing, having received a first-class honor rating in both national and state contests for the past two years. Last year the theme of the book celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the first graduating class. This year the theme is “Hard Times of 1930 & ’31,” the page borders and binding being appropriately done in blue.

Students coming from two and three year high schools are always welcomed in the Barry high school, which is the second largest institution of the kind in Pike county, with a complete laboratory for biology, physics and chemistry. The following subjects are offered: English, Latin, ancient and modern history, physiology, commercial geography, commercial arithmetic, typing, bookkeeping, shorthand, secretarial work, algebra, geometry, music (harmony), physics, biology, general science, and American problems (economics and civics). From this list a student has certain required subjects which all must take, while others are selected by the student. There are between seven hundred and eight hundred books in the library for reference work and for outside reading. The school board spends one dollar per pupil annually for books, magazines and papers.

The average enrollment is one hundred and fifty in the high school and two hundred in the grade schools. There are nine teachers in the high school and eight in the grade schools. This does not include the superintendent and the instructor in music. The patrons of Barry schools are progressive and cooperate with the superintendent and faculty in every possible way. The present school board is composed of Dr. R. I. Witty, president; Stanley Lease, secretary; A. J. Hamilton, George H. Staggs, W. G. Hurt, J. H. Jones and A. G. Crump, directors. The members of the faculty are: M. B. Platz, superintendent—Latin, American problems; R. L. Poppenhager—principal, coach, science; Mrs. B. B. Watson—English, dramatics; Irene Fulton—mathematics; Alice Lease—commercial subjects; Isabelle Rippetoe—history, physical education; E. P. Kinney—science; Alice Nestruck—English history; Roberta Butcher—music.

The high school building represents an investment of forty-five thousand dollars and the grade school building was erected at a cost of thirty thousand dollars. Barry high school is accredited by the University of Illinois. This modern school system has grown out of the earliest of pioneer schools of Pike county.

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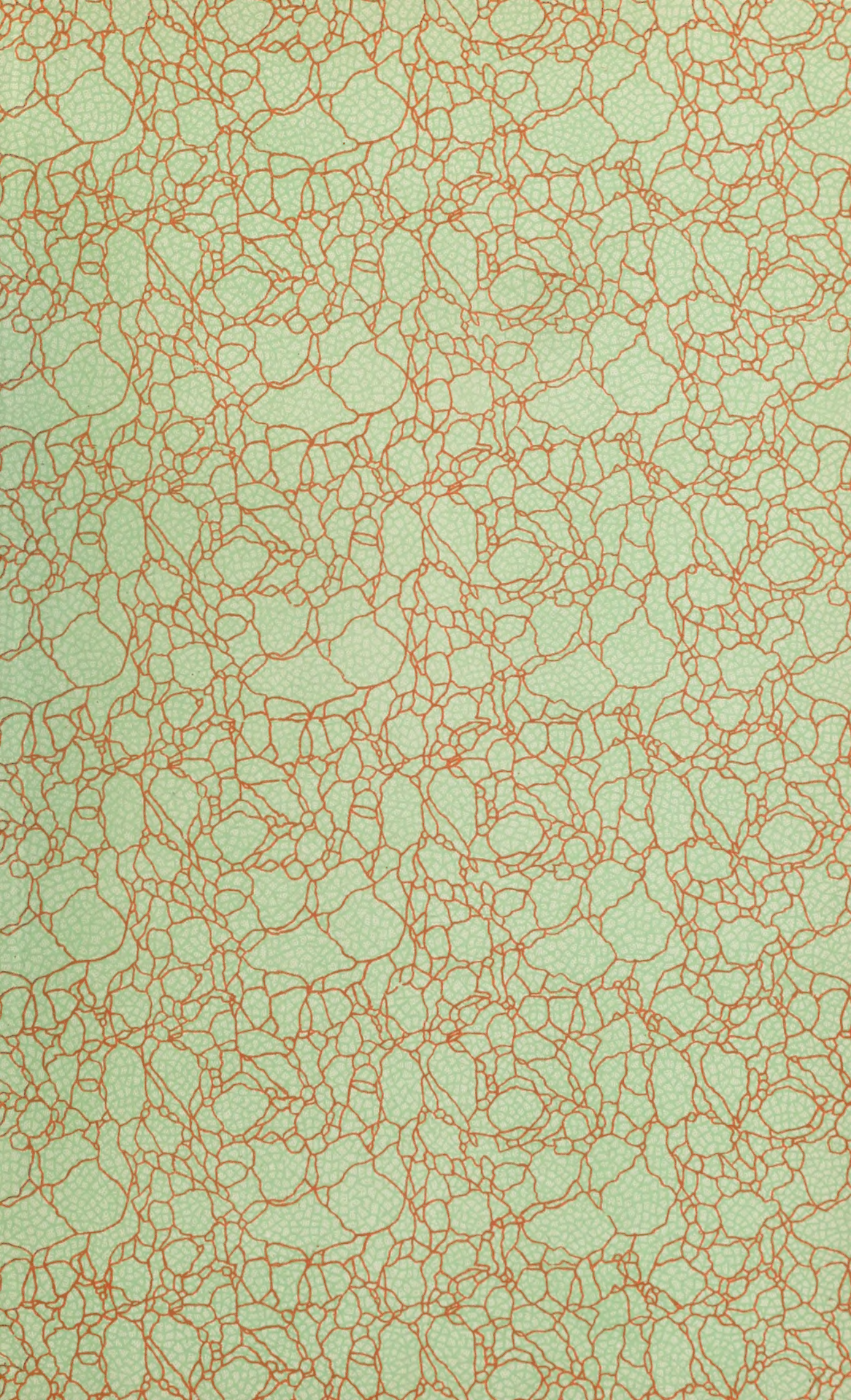














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